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Everyone at The GEM wishes all our readers and advertisers a peaceful and happy Christmas with all good fortune in the New Year. We are now taking a short break and will not publish next week. We will see you all again on January 6th, 2011!

WARNING TO CHECK SAFETY OF PRESENTS AS CHILD'S FINGER IS TRAPPED IN A BIKE...

How a family birthday treat turned to agony for two-year-old Mika

REPORT by
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A TWO-YEAR-
OLD girl endured
agonising pain, fol-
lowed by a week of
trauma, after her
finger became
caught in the mech-
anism of her brother-
er's new bike.

Little Mika
Turner's bone was
completely crushed and
since the incident she
has woken up with
cold sweats in the
night.

Her mum Emma
Prince, a 29-year-old
teacher, explained that
the distressing chain of
events began on
Sunday, December 12.

"It was my son
Joshua's 12th birthday
and he was over the
moon to get his brand
new bike.

"It was in the family
dining room and taken
in and out all day long.
"Teatime came and
the three children
Joshua, Leah, aged
four and Mika, went
into the dining room to
eat their tea.

"Minutes passed and
the distressed call of
Leiah echoed through
the house: 'Get your
finger out, Mika! Get it
out!'

"Worried about what
the commotion was, I
ran into the neighbour-
ing room to be greeted
by an awful sight.
"Mika's little finger
was trapped between
the chain and the rear
mechanism of the bike!"

"I tried to pull her
finger out, but it was
soon clear that it was
crushed between the
two parts of the bike
and was very close to
being torn off."

The distress as they
struggled to free Mika
was something that
Emma and her children
will never forget.

It was an agonising
six minutes before her
dad Simon could
unpick the chain and
release her crushed fin-
ger.

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ON PAGE 3)



ABOVE: Mika (right) with sister Leah.

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Hafod Care unveils facility

HAFOD CARE ran a consultation on Tuesday
afternoon, December 14, at the Memorial Hall
into its proposed extra care facility at the site
of the Theatre Royal.

For local people, it was an opportunity to see ex-
actly how the new building would look.

A Hafod spokesman pointed out: "The develop-
ment will provide much-needed independent living
accommodation in the form of 42 purpose-built one
and two-bedroom flats, along with communal facili-
ties for older people."

Paul Sutton, of the Save our Cinema Association,
who attended the presentation, said the group would
still fight for the retention of the building for use as a
cinema.

He stated "After viewing the plans and the sheer
size of what is proposed, I am convinced it is not the
ideal location for that size of complex. It will not
enhance the gateway to the Waterfront."

(SEE IMAGE ON PAGE 17)

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Passengers an inconvenience?

IS Cardiff Airport in some sort of competition to be the most 'passenger unfriendly' airport in the world?

First there was the charge to use the pick up/drop off points, now there is the two pound 'non refundable' charge for baggage trolleys. Many overseas visitors will not have any British coins with them.

Margaret James tries

Small price for bankers to pay

THIS Christmas, bankers will be paid over £10 billion in bonuses. Yet at the same time jobs and public services are at risk in the UK and across the world.

It's the ordinary people who are paying the price for a crisis they did nothing to cause.

Its time these 'Wise' bankers and their institutions were made to pay their fair share and help make poverty in the UK and overseas a ghost of Christmas past.

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Coun Rob Curtis, Barry

Festive concerts had special aim

LAST week, I again had the pleasure of attending one of Bethesda Community Choir's Christmas concerts in Dinas Powys Parish Hall.

This year's series of concerts raised funds in aid of local girl, Elodie Wilton, who requires further treatment in the United States to help her to walk, having already

to make out this is an improved service. How is charging for what was a free service an improvement? She talks about new improved trolleys - I never found any problems with the old ones.

It seems that Cardiff Airport sees passengers as some sort of inconvenience that should be discouraged if at all possible.

D Andrews, Llantwit Major

WE write in response to the (GEM) letter submitted by Eluned Parrott on December 9 ('Scrutiny Committee can reach the parts that local ward members cannot'). The main purpose in writing is to correct factual inaccuracies in

the letter so that your readers are not in any way misinformed.

Firstly, contrary to the comments of Ms Parrott, scrutiny committees do not take decisions. They make recommendations, which are then considered by cabinet. Secondly, Coun Kemp has never held the post of Chair of planning committee.

In 1994, when it was resolved to grant per-

Questions for the Vale MP

IT is curious that the Vale of Glamorgan MP spends so much time commenting on the work of the Assembly, rather than talk about Westminster matters.

His last column for The GEM focused totally on student fees, health and education, all covered by the Assembly.

In Wales, it is the responsibility of the Assembly to decide whether young people should be saddled with huge student debts - not Parliament, I'm glad to say.

We believe that the policy of the Welsh Government will help Welsh students gain a decent university education.

As he remains an Assembly Member, Alun Cairns has ample opportunity to express his views in the Assembly chamber. Yet he rarely makes an appearance.

He could be fighting to upgrade the railway from London to

Swansea. I have not heard him speaking up recently, although, when in the Assembly he appeared to support the electrification of the line.

He could also be working to ensure that Wales has a fair funding from the Treasury. I recall that before being elected, he fully backed calls for an extra £300 million a year that independent sources say we are being short changed by.

However, again I don't recall him speaking up for the Vale and Wales recently.

His government has cut the amount of funding for Wales by over £800 million this year.

At the same time, he constantly calls for more money to be spent in his constituency.

When the UK government closes the Vale Magistrates Court, he is the first to object, while still supporting cutbacks generally.

Sooner or later, his political contortions will catch him out.
Chris Franks AM, Plaid Cymru

Season's Greetings

If only luxurious gift wrapping could be used To relieve the mortal hunger of one child

If from our human minds we could greeding expel

And from our hearts vain cupboard lustings carefully excise

If worldly wisdom could be as wise as love is

And caring for was proud as getting all Then mankind could be strong, kind once again

A celebrant humanity, as - all for one!

Our spirits full of true benevolence

And meaning in our lives sprung fresh begun

Think when you itemise your love and giving

Remember chance, that gave you health, and life, and living.

by CONOR REDMAN, Barry

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RHOOSE POINT: 'No conflict of interest'

mission for the development of Rhose Point, the chairman was in fact Coun A D Dobbins.

Ms Parrott seems to suggest that as local councillors, we have a conflict of interest in respect of issues relating to the adoption of land at Rhose Point.

We can assure everyone that this is not the case. There are no current planning applications relating to Rhose Point and even if there were, this would not affect our position and specifically Coun James' position in dealing with issues

relating to the transfer of land to the council, which in itself was an action required by the Section 106 agreement relating to the original outline planning permission for the development of Rhose Point.

All we are doing as individual ward members and as members of the council's cabinet is seeking to progress the transfer of land to the council as always intended.

Coun Gordon Kemp (Leader of the Vale Council) and Coun Jeffrey James

The power to raise taxes?

HAVING read the letter published in The GEM last week by the Assembly Members, regarding giving Wales more law-making powers, I think it important that the following points be clarified, and, in the interests of unbiasedness would be grateful if you included my letter in your letters page.

One thing that the AMs lobbying for more law-making powers in Wales seem to have forgotten to mention, is the fact that if they are successful, the Welsh Assembly will have the power to raise taxes.

I have no doubt in my mind this is exactly what they plan to do, rather than push through unpopular cuts.

I am not a member of any political party, I am in fact a local business owner.

Michael Scott (CEO Barry 4x4), Barry

Broadband: 'follow Colwinston's lead'

LAST week's letter from the chairman of Colwinston's community council about broadband is very disconcerting.

For a long time, broadband providers gave Colwinston people the explanation that Colwinston was small and far from the exchange, hence things could not be expected to work as advertised, but people soon realised that they were being sold short.

The way the chairman's letter describes these events is regrettable.

He could have described the raising of the problem in the Assembly by Chris Franks AM as a contribution to a cross-party

effort to get something done and point to the consensus across coalition and opposition members.

However, the tone of his description is inimical to making much of such a potent alignment of the public and their representatives.

In the new year, GEM readers are going to hear from London time and again that they live in a small country which is not conveniently accessed, so they should not expect too much.

They should follow Colwinston. First, do not permit such explanations, but be very careful about the moves to be made thereafter.

Coun Wynford Bellin, Colwinston

Will NHS be run by private companies?

IBELIEVE the Coalition Government is doing away with NHS Trusts and transferring NHS decision-making powers to overburdened GPs, in order that they will be forced to set up management companies, with themselves as directors.

Later, the shares of those private companies would be sold, in order to achieve the long-term aim of the Tory Party - the privatisation and demolition of the NHS.

The existing physical assets of the NHS would be transferred to those private companies, by the Government, prior to the sale, much as other public utilities were privatised under Mrs Thatcher.

Can someone of integrity offer a more

credible explanation? Who actually believes that this is a smart device to improve management performance?

GPs are extremely busy in their present role: how would it be possible for them to find time to manage hospitals?

The specialities of consultants in brain surgery, organ transplantation and epidemiology in teaching hospitals, and research work associated with neurology and genetic manipulation, are light years away from general practice.

How could a GP stay abreast of all that?

The scheme is so foolish and bizarre, that an ulterior political motive becomes the only plausible explanation.

Neville Westerman, Brynna

Annus horribilis for the Vale...

THE letter to the GEM on December 16, from Andrew R T Davies

(Conservative), Chris Franks (Plaid Cymru), Jane Hutt (Labour) and Eluned Parrott (Liberal Democrat) headed 'Laws that apply ... to Wales should be made in Wales' (the insertion of 'only' is superfluous) explains why 2010 has been a horrible year - *annus horribilis* - for the Vale of Glamorgan.

The loss of the Bosch factory, the loss of the £14 billion investment in a defence academy at St Athan and the loss of the Severn Barrage, were among many other avoidable failures of this past year.

Roger Everest, Talygarn

Memorial service

IWOULD like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended the Christmas memorial service at King Square on Saturday, November 27.

Even though it was cold, it was nice to see the community come together to remember those loved ones, who have left us but are always in our thoughts and hearts.

It was an emotional service, though following feedback received, it gave families great com-

fort. It was amazing how many came back to Park Funeral's premises and were looked after by mince pies and then took the opportunity to place their memorial tags on our remembrance tree which is displayed in the window.

Finally, I would also like to thank everyone for their support and welcome shown to me, and that of Park Independent Funeral Directors during our initial six months.

Lyndsay J Ellis, Barry (Park Independent Funeral Directors)

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL DECEMBER 31)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
23 Thur	07.30	10.0	19.53	9.7
24 Fri	08.14	9.9	20.37	9.8
25 Sat	08.58	9.9	21.21	9.6
26 Sun	09.42	9.6	22.09	9.3
27 Mon	10.31	9.4	23.01	8.9
28 Tues	11.24	8.8	23.57	8.5
29 Wed			12.27	8.5
30 Thur	00.59	8.4	13.37	8.3
31 Fri	02.17	8.1	14.51	8.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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An 'inspiration' to family and friends...

BARRY WISHES TED A HAPPY 100th!

LAST week, Mr Ted Wood celebrated his 100th birthday with family and friends in Barry.

Ted was born on December 15, 1910, when George V was still on the throne and the Prime Minister was Herbert Henry Asquith.

His nephew, Derek Williams, told The GEM: "On Tuesday, December 14, there was a celebration at Rondell House, which was attended by the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Colin Osborne and his wife Ruby.

"Sixty friends and family also went up to his house on his birthday the following day. My wife Gaynor had also ensured that he got his telegram from the Queen."

Gaynor added: "Ted remains absolutely on the ball - he has all his faculties, although he is slowing down a little.

"He still loves going out in the summer on his scooter along Marine Drive, and stops to talk to everyone.

"Until last year, he used to attend the fortnightly Probus Club.



The Mayor and Mayoress wish Mr Edward Wood a happy 100th birthday.

"He has a good quality of life and lives independently. His neighbours are marvellous."

Ted attended Gladstone School and County School, and went into his father's foundry business EC Wood & Co where he served his apprenticeship as a pattern maker.

In the 1930s, during the depression, he turned to teaching. As a handicraft teacher, he first taught in the Midlands before returning to the town to teach at Cadoxton Senior Boys School. He retired in the early 1970s as head of department at the Colcot Road campus.

During the Second World War, his application to 'sign up' was declined because of his pattern-making skills - in industry he designed the patterns for tank track links, among many war related items.

He met his late wife Irene at a party and they were married at All Saints Church, Barry in 1936. Their honeymoon was spent in Weston Super Mare, and cost 7s 6d!

Music has always been very important to Ted, who played the saxophone and formed his own band which played at dances in Bindles, Cardiff City Hall, along with venues in Chepstow and Porthcawl.

His father started Barry Yacht Club, and boats also became one of Ted's passions. He always maintained that his wife Irene "was the best crew by far".

Ted is also a member of Barry Athletic Bowls Club and has been chairman of the Veteran Bowlers Association.

One of his most vivid memories is buying a black and white television in the early 1950s and inviting all the neighbours in to enjoy the coronation.

He remains an inspiration to the many people in the town who know him, and is often seen enjoying lunch in the All Saints Church Hall, or riding round Garden Suburb at top speed on his scooter!

Gaynor added: "He has had many interests over the years and crammed a lot into his life."

Mika's agony after trapping her finger

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

During this time, the other children were distraught, crying and upset.

"The sight of her finger when it was finally released was like something from a horror movie.

"I quickly wrapped it up in kitchen roll, squeezed the bottom of her finger and held it up, as she squirmed and screamed in pain.

"The ambulance arrived in 20 minutes, but it felt like hours. Mika was distressed and in pain, and the paramedic was fantastic.

"He calmed her down and dressed the wound, which by this time looked even more horrific!

"She got to Heath hospital A and E within 35 minutes, where the trauma team assessed her and x-rays were taken.

"The damage was unreal. She had completely smashed the bone, her finger was lacerated around the whole

circumference, and her nail bed was completely crushed.

"They called in a specialist hand surgeon and anaesthetist and within a couple of hours she was rushed into theatre.

"The operation was meant to take 40 minutes. However, it was two and a half hours before Mika was taken into recovery.

"The surgeon explained that there had been some complications after the surgery, and Mika's throat had gone into spasm twice, resulting in her inability to breathe.

"It was 3.30am at this point and the news was another horrendous blow.

"Mika's recovery has been slow and we are not sure yet if the operation was a total success.

"She wakes up in cold sweats in the middle of the night, crying and screaming.

"Leiah suffers with night terrors and her teachers have noticed a massive change in her confidence and well-

being in school.

"Josh, who has Asperger's Syndrome, has had great difficulty in coming to terms with what has happened to his baby sister."

Emma and Simon have since discovered that most bikes have a front and rear guard around the chain mechanism - but that this one didn't have the rear protection.

Emma said: "My question as a parent is how on earth did my child get her finger so far into the chain mechanism? Surely all children's bikes are tested for safety?"

"The front part of the chain has a guard, but the back is completely exposed!

"This is not right and I would urge any parent

to check their children's bikes for the same fault.

"My child may lose all feeling in her finger due to nerve damage! Her nail bed may never recover fully and therefore she may never be able to paint her nails like any other girl!"

"She is lucky to still have her finger at all, but this should not have happened."

Mika is continuing to have treatment on the finger every few days, although it is unclear as to whether her nail will regrow.

Emma added: "She is a little trooper and being very, very brave. Her brother and sister still haven't got over what happened."

Emma and Simon are now seeking legal advice on the matter.

CCTV's two arrests

CCTV, under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with two arrests in the week ending December 19.

Both arrests were made at High Street, Barry, on December 13; one for alleged assault and the other for an outstanding warrant.

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LAST WEEK, we told how Nursery and Reception children at Rhws Primary School gave an outstanding performance in their Nativity concert for parents and the children in the school.

Here are some more pictures from a very special occasion.



The reception angels.



The reception servants.

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Walking in the Vale - before the snow came



A morning coffee break to warm up cold limbs.

RECENTLY, a group of nine walkers turned out in pleasant weather to join Rachel for a trek with a historical theme in the lovely Vale of Glamorgan, beginning at Bonvilston, where upon their arrival they immediately sang 'Happy Birthday' to Marion.

Leaving Maes-y-Ffynnon, they carefully crossed the A48 and walked down to the reading room and deviated through the garden of a house.

Entering fields, they went past part of an aeroplane which was acting as a shelter for livestock and made their way to Ty'n-y-Coed. Reaching the road, they walked in a southerly direction for only a short distance, before re-entering fields at Whitewell and made their way to a copse where there are two tables and a seat, which they took advantage of.

The morning coffee break was a civilised affair, enhanced by Marion's carrot and walnut cake, baked especially by her, to share as a celebration of her birthday.

Carrying on across fields they passed a long forgotten snowman, the only visible evidence of recent inclement weather and the leader pointed out a deserted settlement

in a neighbouring field where there had also been a church.

Walking beside the Nant Llancarfan brook, they reached and crossed the road at Abernant Farm, where they met a nice farmer, before crossing a footbridge over the stream which led them to a rather pun-gent manured field.

Reaching the road again at Little Mill, they walked down towards Llancarfan and they were able to see Llanvithyn, where once again the leader pointed out a neighbouring long-deserted settlement.

Turning off, they climbed a steep hill which forms part of Valeways Millennium Heritage Trail towards Aberogwrn Farm and pausing for breath halfway up the hill, discussed the local history.

Llanvithyn village was part of a manor associated with farming and mills and held a monastic grange which later was granted to the Cistercian Abbey at Margam.

The village chapel was dedicated to St Meuthin, also called Saint Thaeus because he had been Saint Cadoc's teacher.

Llanvithyn House was an early 16th century home that belonged to the gentry and following the dissolution of Margam Abbey in 1536, the house, also known as Monkton, had many owners - including the Carnes, Bassetts and

later Robert Jones of Fonmon.

Following the road, they walked north to Treguff and past the very busy racing stables where they could see the horses being exercised in rotary stalls.

A short walk through Coed Arthur led them into fields and they exited at Tre-Aubrey, before following the road towards Tyganol and they stopped on a bank in a field for lunch.

Refreshed, field paths led them towards Llantrithyd House, before they turned north east on their homeward journey past the enclosure earthwork on their way to Pentre Farm.

Then it was a journey along the road all the way back to the Old Post on the A48 and the short trip back to their start point at Bonvilston.

Here's wishing members and readers a Happy Christmas and hopefully some good walking in the coming year.

Group walks during the festive period and beyond can be accessed via www.ramblers.org.uk and programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

Joy Strangward

Branching out in crime prevention

PENARTH neighbourhood police officers entered into the Christmas spirit last weekend - by entering the Christmas tree festival.

The festival was open to up to 50 entrants at St Augustine's Church and last year succeeded in raising £2,800 with over 2000 people visiting the event over the weekend.

The Christmas tree entered by Penarth NPT was decorated using a wide range of crime prevention materials.

PCSO Sarah Johnson said: "The theme of our tree is 'Police and our

Partners' and we will be giving out Safer Vale information on keeping your home, cars and other property secure.

"This is the second time we have entered the festival and it is an excellent opportunity to meet hundreds of residents from all over Penarth and get the Christmas crime prevention message across in an unusual and memorable way."

Penarth's festive fun

ON December 12, Diabetes UK Cymru, Marie Curie Cancer Care and St John Wales teamed up to hold the first ever Penarth festive fun run, which proved a great success. More than 200 people took part and raised funds for their preferred charity.

Everyone got into the spirit and dressed up in their most festive gear, varying from a lady disguised as a Christmas tree, to a team of people carrying a boat! a spokesperson said.

"The three charities were thrilled to work together and bring a new community event."

Local luncheon club enjoys the festivities



Christmas quiz winning team: Front row: Eileen, Val and Anne; Back row: Mo and Sylvia.

NINETEEN members of the Gibbonsdown and Court Luncheon Club showed they were full of festive spirit at their third Christmas lunch held at the Communities First centre last week.

Members were greeted by Santa (local volunteer Jordan Davies Smith) as they arrived for a festive feast, some fun filled games and carol singing.

Members and volunteers tucked into turkey and all the trimmings before enjoying some Christmas sponge and white sauce, courtesy of St Andrews Major Primary school kitchen staff, who have been praised by luncheon club members for their wonderful food.

One local member



Luncheon Club members: Mo. Julie and Glenys.

commented: "The luncheon club provides me with a great opportunity to meet up with friends and enjoy lunch with a lovely group of people, instead of eating by myself at home."

Members, volunteers and Communities First staff celebrated by playing a Christmas quiz organised by Communities First

Chard. Prizes were provided to the winning group, following a test of their Christmas trivia knowledge.

The first luncheon club gathering of the New Year will be on Thursday, January 13 from 12noon. Local residents wishing to join can contact the Communities First office on 01446 732406.

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NEWS FROM THE BARRY MEN'S FORUM

GM foods - and a balanced viewpoint

BARRY Men's Forum speaker at the last meeting was Claudine Anderson from the Wales Gene Park.

She stretched the intellectual resources of forum members with her presentation of GM foods, by coming down neither on one side, nor the other, but leaving it to members to reach their own conclusions.

These modified foods have been described as 'Frankenfoods' so Ms Anderson pointed out the known facts and destroyed some myths as she did so.

She pointed out that GM modification was basically the moving of a gene from one species to another to move the strengths inherent in, say, a daffodil into rice to help prevent blindness in Asian children.

Some scientists now think that there are benefits in moving genes into crops to make them more resistant to draught, or enable them to grow

without the use of harmful pesticides.

Tolerance to cold was another aim and genes had even been taken from fish to make crops resistant to the effects of salinity where fresh water was in short supply.

Where flavours could be enhanced, then less waste was an important end product.

In the non-food area, the development of enhanced crops to grow much needed bio fuels was seen by some as an important area of research.

The countries that had shown the greatest interest in such developments were Argentina, Canada, India and the USA.

Many people were against such research on both moral grounds and also the fear of the unknown long term effects of 'interfering with nature'.

Other objectors went back to basics and challenged the need for GM experimentation on the grounds that if food were

more evenly distributed from rich countries to poor ones the need for GM enhancement would not exist.

There was no absolute guarantee that such foods would ever be one hundred per cent safe, but Claudine reminded listeners that nothing in life is ever absolutely safe, anyway.

The positives have to be weighed against the negatives.

At the end of the presentation, members were left to make up their own minds and a lively debate followed.

At the meeting on December 16, Ian Birchenough, one of the forum's members, spoke on 'London taxis'.

Meetings are held on Thursdays at 10.30am in the hall of the United Reformed Church, Barry.

New members are welcome. For further details, call 029 2059 4881.

MAC TANNER

Helen's best friend Jane is remembered at charity fundraiser

LOSING her best friend Jane Spickett to cancer, Helen Clark put her grief aside and decided to raise money for two of the hospitals which had helped Jane throughout her illness.

Jane was diagnosed with melanoma cancer seven years ago, but had not long been given the 'five years all clear' when unfortunately, at the end of 2008, she was given the devastating news that it had returned.

Things were looking



LEFT: Helen Clark (left) with her best friend Jane Spickett.

too many to mention but a special thanks to you all.

The evening raised £1,500 of which half will be donated to Marie Curie, Penarth and Velindre Hospital.

Dr S Kumar, the consultant who treated Jane, is hoping to start a fund for a specialist melanoma nurse.

As Helen said on the night, we all know someone who has been or is suffering with cancer.

ANDREW SPICKETT

Thank you from the Vale mayor

MAYOR of the Vale, Coun Colin Osborne, has thanked local companies, councillors and council staff for supporting his Christmas raffle.

It has raised £1,090, which will go towards money raised for East Vale Community

Transport, Ashgrove School and Llandough School Association.

positive for Jane after a second operation, but it was then discovered the cancer had spread. Throughout even the darkest of days Jane always remained positive. She passed away in October 2009, aged 41-years-old.

Just after the anniversary of Jane's death, Helen arranged a fund raising night at the Masonic Hall in Barry, which included bingo, karaoke and disco - all things which Jane enjoyed.

Each table was dressed with a picture of Jane and sunflowers, which were Jane's favourite flowers. There was little difficulty in selling the tickets to this event and unfortunately

many people were left disappointed. During the evening a raffle was drawn and an auction was held for prizes donated by local businesses and friends -

Labour names Colcot candidate

COLCOT mum Claire Curtis has been chosen to contest the Dyfan ward for Labour in the Barry Town Council bi-election, following the resignation of Conservative councillor Marguerita Wright.

Claire, who grew up in Barry, said: "I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to fight this by-election for the Labour Party in February."

She is married and has a 17-year-old son, who attends Ysgol Bro Morgannwg. "Besides a short spell when I was younger, I have lived in Barry all my life. I can see such potential in the town and am fed up with people talking Barry down."



Sea Cadet container is set alight by arsonists

LEFT: Andy Powell (left) and Cdr Jim Cole standing in front of the burnt out container.

Service responded quickly to the fire but could not save any of the equipment stored in the container.

Evidence was gathered at the scene and anyone who may be able to supply information should contact the Barry Police by dialling 101.

EARLY on Tuesday, December 14, arsonists broke into the storage container at the Barry Sea Cadet boating base at Barry Dock and set it alight, destroying many sailing boats and boating equipment.

Commander Jim Cole, chairman of Barry Sea Cadets, said: "We frequently hear people saying that there aren't enough activities in the area for our youngsters to get involved in. We are an organisation made up of unpaid volunteers, with the core aim of providing activities for our youngsters, and yet some people are intent on destroying the very things that are there for them to enjoy."

Anthony Powell, the treasurer, said "We have been victims of crime several times this year, and in this incident, we have lost four Toppers and a Topaz sailing craft that we rely on in order to train and give pleasure to youngsters from Barry and the wider area."

"We are a charity funded by the goodwill of local people and businesses and we do not have the funds to continually replace these sorts of losses".

Police Scenes of Crime and the Barry Fire

Snowtime at St Baruc!

CAFODD blant Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, Y Barri hwy! a sbri yn yr ysgol heddiw yn cystadlu i adeiladu'r dyn eira gorau! Blynnyddodd 1 a 2 oedd yn fuddugol ond roedd pob un yn wych.

Nadolig Llawn oddi wrth y plant a'r staff! Children in Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, in Barry had lots of fun competing to build a snowman! Years 1 and 2 won the competition but everyone was fantastic!

Merry Christmas from the staff and the pupils!

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(marinated with onion, capsicum and tomatoes then cooked in our clay oven)	
TANDOORI KING PRAWN	£8.50
(marinated and cooked in our tandoori oven)	
TANDOORI MIXED GRILL	£8.75
(pieces of chicken, lamb, sheek kebabs, tandoori chicken, tandoori king prawn cooked in our tandoori clay oven)	
TANDOORI MINTED MIXED	£8.95
(salmon, king prawn, lamb tikka and chicken tikka, cooked in our tandoori clay oven)	
SALMON TIKKA	£6.50
(marinated in selected herbs and spices then charcoal grilled)	

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TANDOORI KING PRAWN MASSALA	£8.50
CHICKEN or LAMB MINT MASSALA	£5.55
CHICKEN TIKKA SAG or LAMB	£5.50
CHICKEN TIKKA DOPIAZA or LAMB	£5.50
CHICKEN or LAMB PASSANDA	£5.85
KING PRAWN JALFREZI	£5.75
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(lightly hot, sweet or sour)	
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(medium with spinach)	
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Heartwarming tale of caring Barry residents

Mind in the Vale hails local community spirit

REPORT by
TIM
CHAPMAN

THE strong community spirit of people in Barry has been illustrated by the response to a story in The GEM, which highlighted a break-in at The Mind in the Vale charity shop on Main Street.

In November, two back doors to the premises had been smashed in to gain entry and items were stolen. Closure for a week cost the charity £470 in lost takings – and all at a time when its services are under pressure.

But the reaction of people in the town has been heart-warming.

Caroline Chapman, the interim CEO, told The GEM: "Since the story we have had a lot more donations to the Mind Shop in Cadoxton with people bringing in clothes and games."

"One man, a Mr Davies, even brought in a cheque for £100."

Services provided by Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan aim to help people suffering from mental health problems



Staff and service users of Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan combine to help those who need support in recovering from mental health issues.

to recover. Caroline pointed out: "One in four people will suffer mental illness at some stage in their lives – if you think about it, it equates to one person in every family."

As society grapples with particular social problems, so Mind picks up the knock-on mental consequences. Debt, Afghanistan, isolation and relationship break-down are particularly common themes at the moment.

Caroline said: "Debt is a real issue at the moment – one man we helped had lost his business, his wife and had ended up in a hostel."

"We work alongside other agencies to help to rebuild a person's life – for example, in a case like that, with the

Citizens' Advice Bureau and the Vale Council housing department.

"We are also getting Servicemen returning from Afghanistan who have post traumatic stress disorder, may have had relationship break-downs and are finding it difficult to get back into society."

Mind in the Vale has three centres – Barry Centre, Western Vale Centre based in Llantwit Major and Penarth Centre covering the eastern Vale.

On a typical, recent day 45 people attended the Barry Centre which was manned by two staff.

Mind in the Vale employs just 10 people, two of them part time, and has 50 volunteers, many of them service users themselves who

have valuable skills to offer.

Service users are sometimes referred to Mind by other professionals and are sometimes self-referred.

The dedication of staff and volunteers can be gauged by the fact that the centre in Barry will even be open on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, offering support to people when they most need it.

Caroline said that if there are further cuts across the voluntary sector, Mind in the Vale would find it very difficult to cope. That is why the response of local people to the break-in was so appreciated by the staff at Mind.

Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan can be contacted on 01446 730792.

Safety milestone at Aberthaw



ABOVE: The Aberthaw Works team celebrates its safety milestone.

LAFARGE Cement's Aberthaw Works, which employs more than 80 people, is celebrating a "significant safety milestone" - two years without a 'lost time injury' - which prevents an employee or contractor returning to work the next day.

Manager James Kirkpatrick commented: "The safety of everyone working on, and visiting this site is number one priority

and I am proud that the team here, both employees and contractors have kept their focus in a particularly challenging time.

"The works team is marking its safety achievement with a celebratory barbecue and each member will receive a special commemorative logo'd jacket," he added.

PACT meeting

LLANDOUGH PACT public meeting will be held in Llandough Memorial Hall on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7pm.

Lib Dems' Vale candidate for the Assembly

The Welsh Liberal Democrats' Vale candidate at the Assembly election next May will be Damian Chick (28) of Barry.

He is a former student of Ysgol Erw'r Delyn in Penarth, from where he progressed to Bridgend College, Coleg Glan Hafren and the University of Wales Institute in Cardiff.

He said that he wants to help re-engage people in politics: "There are any number of reasons

why people don't feel that politics matters to them, that it is something which goes on elsewhere and which they cannot influence.

"I want to encourage people to become more involved and help improve their environment and economy."

"The Vale of Glamorgan is a beautiful part of the country and we should be making more of the opportunities here to promote tourism as an industry and bring wealth into the area."

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All those who successfully complete their January start course gain a guaranteed interview for a course at the College starting in September. So starting a course in January could also help you to secure a place for next September on a full-time course of your choice.

All courses are free - all you pay is a £15 registration fee to join the College. So don't waste your time - start a course this January and kickstart your future. To apply for a place on a course come along to one of our special 'Fast Forward' events:

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A TASTE OF WALES... in Fécamp, Normandy!



ABOVE: Paul and John Edmondson with Birgitta from Rheinfelden.

VOLUNTEER members of the Vale of Glamorgan Twinning Association were recently welcomed to the Twin Towns Christmas fair in Fécamp, Normandy.

Chairman Rodney Care reports: "Friendship associations from Mouscron (Belgium), Rheinfelden (Germany), Fécamp and the Vale had stalls displaying local produce. Our stall sold Welsh beers, Welsh cheeses and freshly-made Welsh cakes.

"Grateful thanks are due to the Vale of Glamorgan brewery S A Brain, Otley's Brewery

and Felinfoel Brewery for their generous support; also Carmarthenshire Cheese Co and Caws Cenarth, who displayed their products in France.

"We were hosted in the homes of members of the Fécamp-Vale of Glamorgan Friendship

Association, who had visited the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival last October. These friends were most generous in giving every assistance to make the visit successful.

"There can be no doubt that the Vale of Glamorgan is really wel-

comed in the twin-town family. The association is currently assisting in arrangements for the visit of the Vale of Glamorgan Band to Fécamp next June, as well as the Rheinfelden Rowing Club visit to Penarth and exchange visits for walking groups, school

groups and art groups.

"A sail-training voyage from Fécamp to Barry for young people from all of the twin towns is projected. Anyone interested in any of these plans should contact the twinning committee."

Christmas entertainment for WI ladies

DINAS POWYS WI held their Christmas celebration at lunch time in a very festive Lee Hall on Wednesday instead of their usual Tuesday evening, due to very inclement weather conditions.

Members, including

previous members and Madeleine Rees from Wenvoe WI, were fed with Christmas goodies, mulled wine, tea and coffee, and entertained with hand bells, a group of strippers, and a troop of Christmas elves, all thanks to the committee.

The show was written and produced by Carol

Smith, poems were read by Moyra Smith and Maureen Mullan, and there was a song by Sally Anderson.

All agreed that it had been a very lively enjoyable show, and everyone joined in at the end to sing carols, accompanied by Eileen Cullen on the piano.

The first meeting of 2011 will be held on Tuesday, January 4, in the Lee Hall at 7.30 pm.

We would especially like to welcome newcomers. Please come and join us and begin the new year with a new interest.

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Students turn pirates to raise cash for charity



Pirate coast walk.

BARRY College students recently raised more than £500 for charity – by braving the elements on a sponsored coastal walk dressed as pirates.

The access to further education students walked for 11 miles along the Vale coast and "really went to town on their pirate outfits," Barry College access to FE co-ordinator Heather Pennington said.

"Needless to say, we

got some funny looks from the ramblers we passed, but we got a few pounds off them too – so it was all good!"

The students also raised money around the college through collections, a cake sale and raffles.

The money will be donated to Headways, the Alzheimer's Society, Marie Curie and the college's global charity Street to Street, which supports street youth in Sierra Leone.

Student Kelly Broull, said: "I enjoyed the walk

and the spirit everyone was in as we were all dressed as pirates. We all egged each other on and had a great laugh, especially when most of us fell over!"

Fellow access to FE student, Amy-Jayne Carr added: "Going with the access to FE group really made a difference as they are such a great bunch of people and it made the day.

"We had a laugh all the way there and back, and knowing it was for charity made it all the more better."

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BELOW: A tool kit bound for Africa.



CHRISTMAS is an important time for charities.

Many will use the festive season to launch fundraising appeals, while some (Operation Christmas Child for instance) are, by definition, linked closely to the spirit of Christmas.

The GEM would like to highlight the work of one group of volunteers who don't do anything different at this time of year, but who are the perfect embodiment of

the ethos of Christmas. 'Tools for Self Reliance' do something very simple. They collect old hand tools in the Vale and in Bridgend county borough – from Penarth to Port Talbot.

They refurbish those old tools until they are as good as new, and make up specialist tool kits, so that people in Africa can start their own businesses.

The local group who cover the Vale and Bridgend operate from a small workshop in

Report by PHILIP IRWIN

Porthcawl. They number about 12. They are retired and (at the moment) are all men. The result of their collection and reconditioning work is quite staggering.

By the end of this year, 70 refurbished sewing machines will have found their way to Africa, meaning that women in a poor village can form a co-operative and create their own business.

A total of 2,000 tools, all looking like new and made up into kits, will have gone from this area alone – and every pack means that a local man or woman can become a tradesman – because the parent organisation of Tools for Self Reliance ensures that they get the relevant training as well as the equipment.

The founder of the local group, John Hanson, has a sense of

pride in what he and his group have achieved – but that sense of pride extends to their own quality control.

He told The GEM: "When we send a tool kit out to Africa, we want it to look brand new."

"We are conscious of the fact that, for the man or woman who receives it, the day it arrives will be a special day. "When they open it, we want them to have that 'wow factor'."

There are so many garages and workshops in the Vale and Bridgend that must have old tools in them, whether they be automotive, carpentry, household, blacksmiths, or light engineering.

Ironically, the age is not that important, because so many of the famous names in tools are easily refurbished.

The only problem for John and his group is the relatively recent flood of very cheap tools from Taiwan, China and one or two other sources.

Even then, the group can reclaim the scrap metal value and use it to

cover their basic costs – which are pretty basic.

John said: "As volunteers, our running costs consist of wood for the fire in the workshop and cans of WD-40!"

Even the large work bench came free, as it was surplus to requirements at St Fagans museum!

The group need to fundraise, however, because they have to pay transport costs when tool kits are shipped to the parent organisation's despatch centre.

Local church groups have been a great help, together with very welcome donations from individuals and charitable groups.

They have their own range of Christmas cards too (currently on sale at SUSSSED in John Street, Porthcawl).

Any prospective volunteers need not feel that they have to be experts in DIY or the like. The present group is made up of men who made their living in all sorts of trades.

Bernard was a lorry driver, Rodney a train driver, Larry was an electrical engineer with

the RAF, while Ian was a woodwork teacher. Keith and Johnny were both engineers, while John himself was a Methodist minister, although he always had a passion for restoring old cars.

However, Brian, another Methodist minister, cheerfully admitted to being an absolute novice at anything practical, having spent his working life as a clerk.

It is a sad fact of life that people worry whether the money they give to improve life in the Third World does get to its intended target.

Bob Geldof recently had to force an apology from the BBC after allegations that Live Aid money had been diverted by warlords to buy arms.

As far as Tools For Self Reliance is concerned, their tool kits are guaranteed to find their way to their

intended recipient. The kits don't have much value to corrupt officials, but they are of huge value to the recipients, as it can set them on the way to a better life.

John Hanson told The GEM: "There are so many ways that people can get involved in this enterprise. We need volunteers for the workshop."

"We need fundraisers and people who can help with general administrative work, and we need volunteers to help with collecting tools – remember, we collect from Penarth to Port Talbot!"

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Vale battles on through snow and big freeze

HEAVY snowfalls and freezing temperatures made life hazardous for drivers, commuters and shoppers across the Vale this week.

Gritting lorries were out keeping the main roads in the area passable – the Vale Council said it had managed to grit 43 per cent of the road network.

On Monday, a council spokeswoman said: "Our gritting services have been working hard all day, but have been hampered by traffic jams caused by cars becoming stuck, and creating road blockages. Conditions have been, and will continue to be, very dangerous."

A number of roads in Barry were temporarily closed on Monday because of the treacherous conditions, including Tynewydd Road, Buttrills Hill, Barry Docks Link Road, and Port Road.

Some people in the town were forced to abandon cars after the drive home from work on Monday, due to the slippery state of the roads.

At 7pm in the evening, with traffic dwindling, the gritting crews were back out again, and by Tuesday morning, the main routes were easier for motorists to negotiate.

There are 200 salt bins in strategic positions across the Vale and the council spokeswoman pointed out that residents could inform the contact centre if their local one needed replenishing by calling 01446 700111.

In Llantwit Major, main roads were passable, although in side streets people were coping with difficulty.

The main road through Cowbridge remained open, with many people visiting the town on Tuesday to stock up on essential

supplies. Poor weather conditions forced the council to suspend some refuse collections on Monday, but by Tuesday, the council said it hoped to catch up on backlogs of black bag and kitchen waste collections in most areas. It did point out that crews may be unable to access more isolated areas.

Picking up of 'dry recyclables' was suspended until an improvement in the weather.

The civic amenity sites at Sully and Llandow remained open.

Dyffryn Gardens was closed until further notice and visitors are advised not to attempt to access Dyffryn Lane until road conditions improve significantly.

There were some delays to transport services on Monday, but by Tuesday, both buses and trains were back to normal.

On Tuesday, Cardiff Airport was open but it warned people to check to see if flights were going ahead. (For information people should go to www.tbicardiffairport.com)

The unusual conditions also added to pressures on the NHS, causing staff shortages, record calls to ambulance services and dwindling blood supplies.

Ambulance services have urged people to only call 999 for life-threatening emergencies.

Meanwhile, the health service has appealed for people to donate blood.

Tina Donnelly, director, RCN Wales, praised the response of local staff: "Hospitals in Wales and the council that work in them are working extremely hard to cope with the extra pressure that these extreme weather conditions are putting on them."

Social work services have been maintained in the Vale. Day services were closed but the staff

helped by working in service users' homes and with Meals on Wheels. Staff also kept residential care and home care services functioning.

Coun Dorothy Turner, the cabinet member for social care and health, said: "Exceptionally good work was done in coordinating the services to older people particularly, who are becoming more vulnerable day-by-day, because the icy conditions have been so prolonged."

"For example, there were more requests for help in replacing medication for people with chronic conditions. We are very grateful for all the support from other council directorates, especially visible services and emergency planning. There was considerable use made of 4x4s from a wide variety of sources."

South Wales Chamber of Commerce called for an urgent summit of political and business leaders to discuss how economic activity in the region can be sustained during the current and future severe weather conditions.

Feedback from chamber members suggests jobs – and even businesses – are at risk as a result of the difficulties companies are having in running their operations.

David Russ, chief executive, said: "We need leadership and we need it urgently. Without wishing to exaggerate or be alarmist, the havoc the weather is creating and the apparent lack of effective action could inflict lasting damage on the economy."

"The chamber is seeking an urgent meeting of Welsh Assembly Government Ministers, local authority leaders and business representatives to discuss the crisis and develop an emergency action plan."

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NEWS FROM THE RHWS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Youngsters go for green

CHILDREN at Rhws Primary celebrated the Tree Council's national tree week by planting trees for a greener future.

Members of the schools gardening and eco club recently planted more than 30 native species of trees and bushes within the school grounds.

Teacher Simeon Morris said "Not only will the planting encourage more wildlife into our grounds, but we have natural teaching resources readily available. It is great to see the children actively involved in a project which will go on growing for many decades to come."



Planting for a greener future.

ing for many decades to come."

Rhws Primary is Clucking Mad RHWS Primary has just introduced another four chick-

ens to its rapidly-growing flock.

The chickens, which are yet to be named, join Monica, Phoebe, Rachel and Annie. Teacher Simeon Morris said "We decided we wanted

chickens so that we could give the children the opportunity to see some live animals in school.

"We wanted the pupils to learn how to care for an animal and to learn where their food comes from."

"The chicken coop was purchased and erected thanks to the support of BAMC, who also constructed a raised vegetable bed for the school nursery out of packaging crates.

"At Rhws we are constantly looking for innovative ways to deliver the national curriculum in a meaningful and memorable way and are currently creating plans to further develop our outside space"

If any company feels that it could offer support whether it be financial or donating goods/services please get in touch with the school on 01446 710258.

Mobility officer's award

AT Newport University recently, Vale mobility officer Mrs Nicola Lewis was awarded mobility student of the year.

The Vale service is provided for visually impaired children and is defined as "the teaching of the concepts, skills and techniques necessary for a person with a visual impairment to travel safely, efficiently and gracefully through any environment and under all environmental conditions and situations.

Spokeswoman explained: "Mobility and orientation instruction is on-going training, to enable in a young person to be as independent as possible. Mobility is one of the crucial areas that affects every aspect of a young person's life.

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Penarth Computer Club: Freedom of speech

COMPUTERS are in the news a lot at the moment - and not necessarily for the best of reasons, depending on your view of society.

Many major technological inventions have their initial perception changed by circumstances. Individuals can also change their views as their personal circumstances change.

The printing press was feared because it made education for the masses easier and diluted the power of the educated to control society. It took a while and society had time to adapt to the new circumstances.

Machines were feared because they would replace workers who would then starve. It was an upheaval, but it turned out alright when it meant that goods could be manufactured at reduced cost, better quality and quickly available.

The development of computers was an undoubted good for the war effort in the 1940s. After the war they were useful for doing more sophisticated calculations at great speed and at reducing cost.

They have further developed to provide a variety of social benefits. The development has been too rapid to allow society to adjust at a comfortable speed and

that has caused problems in some areas.

The Internet and the World Wide Web enables quick and easy communication.

It also made possible the downloading of music files without paying any royalties. Some people believed it should be free and simply made them available on web sites. The same applied to books and films.

As technology cannot be un-invented, the relevant industries are working hard to recognise the new circumstances and devise a marketing system that will still encourage people to create and make a living from their efforts.

More recently, the authorities have discovered that the speed of communication between activists is faster than their response times and that, as a result, demonstrations are harder to control. They will have to adopt new strategies to regain control and maintain public order.

People have used the Web to oppose and expose totalitarian regimes and been praised for it. Who would argue against an effort to improve human rights?

The position has made a dramatic change recently with the publication of confidential documents generated by officials of democratically elected governments.

We have now arrived at a point where unelected people take it upon themselves to decide what should or should not be in the public domain. (Will they decide to publish any confidential documents that criticise what they are doing? Will they publish the dull, boring communications?)

Everyone should recognise that there are some things that are better left unpublished for sound practical reasons.

The publishers might believe themselves to be acting for the greater good. It is fairly easy to appreciate the publication of the MPs expenses as it exposed some Members who were clearly taking advantage of the secrecy afforded them.

Publishing confidential communications between people who were properly performing their duties by expressing assessments and opinions is an altogether different matter even if you find their opinions unpalatable. Surely one can only cry "Publish and be damned!" if you are the one who will bear the consequences.

What ever you think, don't blame the computers, they just make it possible. No Luddites, please.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Facing the challenges ahead with confidence

THIS is the last edition of The GEM of 2010 and I want to use this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

The Vale of Glamorgan is a special place and this year I received the fantastic privilege of representing our community in Parliament.

It is an absolute honour to do so and community leaders, members of the public, GEM reporters and editors all play a vital role in providing the gel that makes our community so special.

It has been a challenging year in many ways. The announcement on St Athan was disappointing but not wholly unexpected.

The state of the nation's finances with the unprecedented national debt, along with the increased costs to Metrix on the financial markets, together with security reviews unfortunately made the project in its original form unviable.

I am extremely optimistic, however, after the Defence Secretary told me that St Athan remained the preferred location to the Defence Training solution.

My planned pre-Christmas meeting with



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

Liam Fox was cancelled as a result of the weather, and will now take place early in the New Year. Again, I will stress the case in favour of our communities.

The planned closure of Vale Magistrates was also disappointing and the chairman of the Barry Bench and I are to meet the Minister during early January to press the case further.

The privilege of being the MP has also put me in touch with some fantastic people who live and work in the community; those who run charitable groups supporting some of the most vulnerable in our society. Most don't want any attention and were happy to highlight how things could be done better.

I promised to work with them to make a difference. My constituency advice surgeries have also brought a huge array of cases; some tragic and others highlighting waste, incompetence and bureaucracy.

All are important and I try to leave no stone unturned to gain justice.

Only last week, I came across a young man looking after his daughter who had been let down by the system, due to the culture of distrust. I hope my intervention will help resolve the case before Christmas.

Another case is where one-to-one care is needed for a patient, yet bureaucrats seek to overrule doctors' advice. Again, someone extremely vulnerable is being let down by the system.

The year ahead is likely to be challenging, too, as a result of the state of the nation's finances that I have already mentioned.

However, we live in a special place, with very many special people and I am sure that with the right support and the best will, we can exceed our goals in new and innovative ways.

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



LEFT: Jane Hutt AM at the MIND in the Vale Christmas Fair.

THE Vale MP Alun Cairns last week highlighted the Vale branch of mental health charity, Mind, in the Commons.

He was raising concerns that people with mental health illnesses don't get a fair assessment when it comes to incapacity benefit claims.

Referring to the new Work Capability Assessment (WCA) due to be introduced to assess how much and what type of work, if any, incapacity benefit claimants can do, he wanted to ensure that the failings of the current system in recognising mental health illnesses are not continued in the new scheme.

Mr Cairns pointed out that the local branch of Mind often advocates in

favour of service users at work assessment appeals, with a very high success rate.

This process demonstrated the difficulty in assessing people with mental health illnesses and he said he was keen to highlight the injustice to local people.

Mr Cairns said: "I met with Mind in the Vale before the election and promised to follow up their concerns. Many with mental health problems aren't always understood and this can lead to much greater problems with benefit assessment and the money, time and stress involved with appeal cases at a later stage."

"I specifically asked Chris Grayling MP, Minister for Employment, what action is being taken to

VALE MP VOWS TO SUPPORT MIND

ensure that for those suffering from mental health issues are treated fairly in the new work capability assessment.

"I was really pleased to hear that the Government are determined to ensure that we do everything we can to avoid people with mental health problems being wrongly diagnosed by the Work Capability Assessment process."

"The Government is already implementing many of the improvements identified by Prof Harrington, which ultimately will mean that the decision-making process is improved – ultimately making sure that more decisions are got right first time and fewer people appeal."

"I will do all I can to ensure that the Government implement

the changes to the WCA process as soon as possible, for the benefit of those who suffer from mental health issues."

Mind festive fair
MIND in the Vale held their Christmas fair at the New Jerusalem Church in Barry when, among the numerous visitors, was the AM for the Vale, Jane Hutt.

"Mind is a wonderful charity. I hope the funds raised will continue to help this important service here in the Vale which makes so much difference to people's lives," she remarked.

Police and the council to review local pub's licence

FOLLOWING a request by South Wales Police, the Vale Council's Licensing Committee has agreed "interim steps" to be put in place at the Railway Hotel, Penarth.

The move follows recent incidents of violence which occurred on the premises, resulting in five police officers requiring hospital treatment for their injuries.

A full review of the premises licence is due to take place on January 12, next year.

A Vale Council spokeswoman said: "The Licensing Act 2003 allows the police to trigger a fast-track process to review a premises

licence, and for the licensing authority to take necessary steps within 48 hours, pending a full review."

"South Wales Police made an application for an expedited review on Wednesday, December 15, and an interim hearing was held two days later on December 17."

She continued: "A number of interim measures were agreed pending a full hearing which, under the legislation, must be held within 28 days."

"The interim measures include restrictions on the hours alcohol can be served, increased staff on duty and a restriction on the use of small glass bottles."

Coun John Thomas, the chairman of the coun-

cil's licensing committee, said: "This is the first time the council has been asked by South Wales Police to consider an expedited review of a licensed premises and it shows we can, and will, act quickly to ensure the licensing objectives are

met. Our main concern with licensed premises is to ensure that the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder, preventing public nuisance, public safety and protecting children from harm are promoted," he concluded.

The Lamb's Tale...

by MARI GOODYEAR

SALLY crossed over the ford by way of a small iron bridge. She walked at a nervous pace in the quiet darkness, the only sounds were the waters running over the smooth stones and the dry leaves under foot.

She welcomed the distant lights of the local pub and the illuminated cross on the church tower.

As she crossed the graveyard towards the church, her pace quickened to the fast beat of her heart and she gave out a sigh of relief as she turned the iron ring door handle that opened the heavy door of the church and the warmth within engulfed her.

Other teachers and helpers from the village school had arrived and were putting the finishing touches to the stable scene. Baby Jesus was safely tucked into the manger and cardboard cut-outs of the ox and donkey precariously leaned against bales of hay, while the church warden with the aid of a ladder and fishing wire, hung the symbolic star.

All that was missing were the children – Mary and Joseph, the Innkeeper, the Three Wise Men and the Shepherds – they were all in the lesser hall being fitted into their costumes for the dress rehearsal, under the watchful eye of Martin Richards.

Martin was the largest boy in the fifth form, who, through 'self election' had secured himself the role of director, with Sally as his mentor. But Sally, as his teacher, had to smile, for Martin took his part as director very seriously.

He had started to wear his spectacles and to carry a clipboard – all very theatrical! Nevertheless, he rehearsed the

other children well, going over their lines, telling them where to stand, and his casting was excellent.

The nativity play was to take place the following night, on Christmas Eve, after the carol singing and the Christmas blessing from the vicar. The whole village would turn out to support the annual event, a tradition not to be missed. It was for children, by the children, and this year directed and produced by the children.

Sally, however, had to be very firm with Martin when he suggested a real donkey. "Too disruptive," she said, and a real camel, "too expensive", she explained and a real cow, "too mucky", had been her excuse, and before being asked by Martin, she said, "no to a real baby" as well.

Martin obviously went for realism in life, which Sally respected. However, she felt she should draw the line under some of his ideas, before the nativity play took on the look of Noah's Ark.

When the children were ready and in place for the dress rehearsal, Martin walked quietly from the back of the church. In his arms, he carried a wool blanket that he laid at the foot of the manger, and to the children's delight he revealed a baby lamb.

He packed some hay around it and turning to Sally he said, in a matter of fact way: "He is premature and must be kept warm." He then cued the innkeeper and the play rehearsal began.

Sally was speechless, but the children's faces said it all, so the lamb remained at the foot of the manger, and no-one challenged the director.

The very next evening after the performance had ended on that cold, dark Christmas Eve, the congregation loitered as they emerged from the church. Never had the organ sounded so true, or the singing so sweet, but the nativity play had hit a spot that sent holy shivers down the villagers' spines.

There was hardly a dry eye in the congregation when Mary delivered her tender closing lines: "The journey of life is often dark, but we have the Son of God to light the way," she said and the hay stirred and the bleat of a lamb filled the church and left the congregation in silence, reminding everyone of the vulnerability of the new born and the true meaning of Christmas.

Last to leave the church that evening were Sally and Martin, carrying arms full of costumes. Martin locked the church door behind them.

He had spent most of the evening in the vestry toilet and still looked a little pale, but Sally was glad to have his company as they walked the well-trodden path across the graveyard. The night was still, lit only by a watery moon.

In a positive way, she said: "Well done Martin, despite your stage nerves, I think that you may have found your vocation. It was an excellent production."

Martin seemed oblivious of the impact that his lamb had made upon the congregation, and Sally wasn't altogether sure that he had witnessed the closing moments of the play.

"By the way, who took the lamb home tonight?" Sally asked. "Couldn't bring him", Martin answered. "I told you, he was premature, he died last night."

Companies offer healthy options

LOCAL outdoor fitness company, Fat Loss Fit Camp, have teamed up with Da Gennaro Ristorante Italiano of High Street to offer health-conscious people of Barry and the Vale a healthy option while dining out.

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Martin Haley, the owner of FLFC, said: "We have a strict nutrition regime for campers to follow but this is not a diet; it is a lifestyle change. That is how we can guarantee results of people losing a clothing size in a month if they need to."

"We have sat down with the staff at Da Gennaro, one of the most popular Italian restaurants in south Wales, and put together a healthy option wishing to stay in shape and still eat out."

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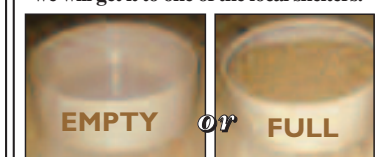
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*Gibbonsdown Rise becomes
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ON Monday, December 13, the continuous snow brought some parts of Barry to a temporary standstill, while vehicles battled on elsewhere.

Coun Steffan Wiliam (see his image right) told The GEM: "The road on and off the Island and the Parade were fine, but the Ship Hill proved hazardous for two-wheel drive vehicles, with their wheels spinning."

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*'The Road to Barry Island'
by Steffan Wiliam.*



*This scene at Cadoxton
Methodist Church was captured
by David Alexander.*

For more images of what is happening in the Vale go to: www.valeevents.co.uk

Hafod Care unveils extra care facility



ABOVE: A computer-generated image of how the Theatre Royal site in Barry will be transformed, if Hafod Care's extra care plans go ahead. The company aim to build a development of 42 purpose-built one and two-bedroom flats, with communal facilities for older people.

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'Manger Mouse' gets festive celebrations off to wonderful start at All Saints school

CHRISTMAS celebrations at All Saints Church in Wales primary school got off to a wonderful start in early December with the infants' Nativity concert.

Entitled 'Manger Mouse', it was an adaptation of the traditional Christmas story, told through the eyes of the stable mice.

The message was that Jesus was born to bring peace to the Earth, so everyone should celebrate their differences and work together.

Every child took part, including the Nursery pupils who dressed as little manger mice and sang their 'Nibblers' song.

The concert took place over two performances which were attended by distinguished guests, including Cllr. Gordon Kemp, Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Cllr. Colin Osborne, Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Barry Town Mayoress, Mrs. Meryl Kuhnell. Alun Cairnes, MP attended the 2nd performance, after which he presented a lovely prize to Maisy McBride, Year 5. She was the winner of Mr. Cairnes' 'Design a Christmas Card' competition and he used Maisy's design for his own personal

Christmas cards.

Mr Cairns said: "This was the first year that we've run this competition for primary schoolchildren across the Vale to create a local and festive design for my Christmas card. We were inundated by entries, and it was really tricky just to shortlist the top 10.

"The standard of artwork was fantastic across all age groups from nursery class right through to Year 6 entries. "It was a tough task to then select a winner and two runner-up entries, but the winning design stood out, right from the beginning. Maisy McBride's design captured the essence of the nativity scene, and her attention to detail was exceptional.

"Maisy is aged 10 and a pupil at All Saints C/W Primary School, and I was delighted to be able to attend the school's wonderful nativity concert and surprise her with a presentation of the printed cards and a gift for winning the competition."

Headteacher Richard Ware entered into the spirit by delivering his thanks dressed as Rowland Rat!

He thanked teacher Jane Koursaros for the stunning production and he also thanked everyone who worked so hard to make the Nativity concert such a huge success.



Out and About with The GEM

Let Screen Talk take you through the festive minefield of the Christmas movie!

SNOW used to be a thing of joy and of wonder, allowing you to build snowmen, have snowball fights and sledge down hills; yet, the older you get, the more it becomes an inconvenience, an annoyance that puts your best laid plans to waste.

Take this column - it was due to be a review of the hotly-anticipated *Tron: Legacy*; however, tonnes of white stuff made Screen Talk just another victim of the weather.

Beaten, but not broken, it instead allowed an opportunity to look at that most timely of genres, the Christmas film, and there have been plenty.

So, in advance of the annual Screen Talk top ten films of the year, let's take a look at some of the festive flicks that really stand out at this time of year.

Elf - This tale of a human raised by elves in the North Pole, but forced to go back to America when he wreaks havoc is one of Will Ferrell's finest comedic turns.

Playing the naive but well meaning Buddy, Ferrell's innocent plays up the comedy for all its worth, whether it's thinking a store Santa is the Santa or mistaking a man of small proportions for an elf.

Jon Favreau's direction hits the spot superbly keeping the sugary schmaltz to a minimum, but this is Ferrell's film and he grasps it with both hands.

A hilarious film for both adults and children.

Home Alone - To people of a certain age, including myself, the

tale of Kevin McCallister being left at home over Christmas while his family go to France, is one of the quintessential Christmas films.

Certainly, the film could have been set at any time period, but the late John Hughes cleverly used the Christmas setting to wring maximum emotional impact when not setting up elaborate traps for two bumbling crooks.

While the spectacle came from these, Hughes and director Chris Columbus kept the emotional stakes high, with Kevin's mum desperate to get home in time to spend Christmas with her son and his relationship with the mysterious old man Marley giving a poignant feel to what is an entertaining film.

Santa Claus: The Movie - Much like Val Kilmer, Santa Claus: The Movie hasn't aged well at all. While once the mainstay of the Christmas Eve schedules, it has taken a backseat in recent years; a shame, as it is the sort of film that stays with you once you've seen it.

Having occupied many hours of my youth, the film tells the story of how Santa came into being, and then how an elf called Patch (played by the late Dudley Moore) teams up with the evil corporate toy manufacturer B.Z. (John Lithgow) to try and put Santa out of business.

With its gorgeous depictions of the North Pole and the toy workshops, the film isn't exactly a classic by any means, but with a heavy dollop of seasonal joy and a life lesson for us all, it is a wonderful film to sit back and enjoy.

It's A Wonderful Life - Hardly an original

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

choice, granted, but this is a stone cold Christmas classic, uplifting and pushing all the right buttons. The story of George Bailey (the eternal everyman James Stewart) being shown how important his life has been by the angel Clarence, is one of the most wonderful festive films - so highly regarded that it was voted the number one most powerful film of all time by the American Film Institute.

A mixed reaction welcomed it upon release, and Frank Capra's film didn't achieve recognition until it received repeated television showings in the 1970s - thankfully, one of the finest films ever made was brought back to public consciousness, and it is still as powerful today.

The Grinch - Much like *Santa Claus: The Movie*, *The Grinch* isn't exactly a classic, yet Ron Howard's direction and an immersive turn from a prosthetic-wearing Jim Carrey in the title role makes for a thoroughly diverting 100 minutes.

Based on the Dr Seuss story, it stretches the narrative of the

Grinch who stole Christmas, yet with the wonderful sets and look of the characters remaining wholly faithful to their depiction in the book. The film is a charming if lightweight watch that again does a good job of reminding us of the 'true meaning of Christmas'.

Scrooged - This twisted take on Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* stars Bill Murray as a cynical television executive who is forced to look at his life after being visited by ghosts of Christmas past, present and future.

A clever update on the classic story, Murray's manic energy makes this film hugely entertaining, delivering the right mix of seasonal life lessons along with plenty of laughs.

Richard Donner's direction is superb, marrying scale to the humour, while Murray is at his best in this hilarious, yet touching, comedy.

Bad Santa - The antithesis of the usual yuletide fare, this Santa doesn't care whose been naughty or nice, rather his concerns are women, alcohol and keeping an eye on the department store he's about to rob with the aid of his accomplice.

Billy Bob Thornton is absolutely watchable in this darkly comic tale with a sweet filling, his criminal softening under the auspices of a young boy and a woman.

The script from Glenn Ficarra and John Requa is a superb mix of foul mouthed humour with a hint of sweetness lurking underneath. *Bad Santa* is an overlooked gem, though one for the older members of the family to enjoy!

The Polar Express - Robert Zemeckis' first

dalliance with motion capture (he has since gone onto make both *Beowulf* and the underwhelming *A Christmas Carol*) is notable as much for the odd looking characters as it is for its seasonal charm.

While the motion capture doesn't exactly work, with the characters (fleshed out, via technology, by Tom Hanks among others) looking cross eyed and highly unnatural, the film is an important step in the process that led to last year's *Avatar*.

With Zemeckis finding his feet, the direction is as skilled as can be, and technical shortcomings aside, it is a pretty satisfying adventure.

Now there are some honourable mentions for the likes of *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, *Miracle on 34th Street* (the original, not the mawkish-beyond-words remake starring Richard Attenborough) as well as the classics such as *White Christmas* and *Holiday Inn*.

But beware any film that contains the words '*Santa Clause*' in the title - the Tim Allen-starrers are as welcome an addition to Christmas as a big plate of sprouts, and should be given the equivalent wide berth!

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and new year, and keep your eyes peeled on January 6, when normal service will be resumed and Screen Talk will be unveiling its ten best films of 2010!

Choir's concert hailed as 'a great success'

BARRY Choral Society's Christmas concert opened with the dulcet tones of Caitlin Jones sounding the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' through All Saints Church.

During the first half, the choir performed Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* (Parts 1 and 2), a difficult work, but good preparation made for a successful performance.

The choir were joined by soloists Sue Thomson, contralto, Andrew Mathews, bass/baritone and Gareth Morris, tenor. James Bull, organist, shone in his accompaniment.

Sue's deep alto voice showed well in Panis Angelicus.

Each soloist gave a special feeling to their arias. Gareth Morris showed his amazing skill, singing the extremely difficult fast runs in the aria 'Haste Ye Shepherds'.

Before the interval, Mary Cule was presented with the programme prize, a full to overflowing Christmas hamper.

The second half of the concert concentrated on carols sung by the choir, and solos from the guest artists, accompanied on the piano by

The choir will return to their scheduled rehearsals in the New Year on Wednesday, January 12, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Crossway Methodist Church.

New members are welcome.

Beryl Weale, chairman

Boxing Day swim challenge!

WHITMORE Bay Surf Life Saving Club members are once again braving the cold waters of the Bristol Channel on Boxing Day.

A club spokesman told *The GEM*: "We would like to take the opportunity to invite members of the public who wish to join us for our annual Boxing Day swim."

"We will be meeting at the Lifeguard Station Western Shelter at 11am on December 26."

"All are welcome - just bring plenty of warm clothing!"

HUNT MEET GLAMORGAN Hunt's Boxing Day meet will now be held in Cowbridge on Monday, December 27 at 11am in Arthur John's car park, North Road.

Hounds and horses will later move down the High Street.

This may be subject to review in the event of dangerous ice.

'Buy right pet at right time' urges the PDSA

WITH homes across the Vale and Bridgend decking the halls and stocking up in preparation for the festive season, PDSA is reminding us to put animals first and not buy a pet this Christmas.

'Buy the right pet at the right time' is the charity's message.

Each January, pet rescue services receive dozens of calls reporting abandoned pets.

PDSA senior veteri-

nary surgeon, Sean Wensley, said: "The novelty of a pet as a surprise gift may be exciting, but pets live for years and they need time, money and commitment."

"Thinking, feeling creatures should not be passed about as gifts, with little concern for their wellbeing."

"It is unacceptable that re-homing centres across the country are inundated with unwanted animals that have been bought as presents, then discarded only a few weeks later."

BOXING DAY BEACH CLEAN

BARRY-BASED environmental group, 'Friends of Barry Beaches' will be holding its December litter pick on Boxing Day at 2.30pm.

As a festive, 'Thank you' all volunteers will be able offered a free hot dog, mince pie, and mulled wine.

The group will be meeting at the Knap Terrace car park (by the public toilets) at 2.30pm.

and members are asked to "wrap up warm and wear suitable footwear."

Last month's litter pick at Watchtower Bay saw 17 volunteers spending a productive hour, helping to remove fishing line, plastic bottles, drinks cans, nylon rope and glass from the beach.

The co-ordinator of FoBB, Coun Rob Curtis said: "We have proved the cynics wrong ... local people do care about the state of their beaches."

Festive stamp and gift card winners

THE winners of our recent competition to win £20 worth of Post Office vouchers and a pack of festive Wallace and Gromit stamps were Brian Fisher of Dinas Powys, Mr T Whiting of Cowbridge, Jessica Cooper of Llantwit Major and Mrs Linda J Pike of Porthcawl.

Runners-up, who won a pack of the stamps were Jackie Wright, Llanmaes; Mrs E Walsh, Dinas Powys; Brenda Roe, Rhoose;

Mrs C Thomas, Fonmon; Alice Phillips, Penarth; Mrs EV Roberts, Wenvoe; Norma Webb, Barry; H Evans, Porthcawl; Carol Brown, Barry; Pat Good, Sully; Mrs A Jinks, Miskin; Graham Thorne, St Athan; Mrs M Bradshaw, Cowbridge; Mrs A Stock, Treos; Mrs R Harris, Barry; and Mrs J Morris, Porthcawl. Congratulations to you all!

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Died peacefully at home on December 18th, with her family around her.

A loving and supportive wife of John, a very kind and generous mother, who was always positive and encouraging about the choices her daughters made.

She clearly delighted in her grandchildren and was very involved in their lives.

Her friends will remember her for her wide range of interests and involvement in the community.

Friends are welcome to attend St James Church in Wick on Friday 7th January at 2.30pm.

No flowers please, donations if desired to Parkinson's UK, Freepost RLBH-RSHA-KSET, London, SW1V 1EJ

LAWRENCE

Ken

Sadly on December 15 2010, Ken from Thompson Street Barry, passed away. Will be sadly missed by his wife Norma and children Tony, Jeff, Jenny, Terry and Brian. Wonderful father-in-law, grandpa and great grandpa to all. Funeral to take place on Wednesday December 29, 1.30pm at Adams Funeral Home followed by cremation at Thornhill Crematorium at 3pm. Flowers may be sent to AG Adams.

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Public Notice

LICENSING ACT 2003
Section 17(5)
Notice of Application for a Premises Licence

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT an application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a PREMISES LICENCE to permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below.

Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of Monday to Thursday 0830 to 1700 hours and Friday 0830 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk.

Any interested party or responsible authority may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below: The Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.

Name of applicant: **Shabul Ali**
Name and postal address of the premises: **The Raj Restaurant, 3-5 Hendre Road, Pencoeed CF35 5NW.**

Statement of intended licensable activities: Late night refreshment provision only.

Sun-Thur: 23.00pm-00.00am;
Fri-Sat: 23.00pm-01.00am;
Mon-Sun: 17.30pm-00.00am;
Fri-Sat: 17.30pm-01.00am.

Date by which representations must be made: 15/12/10-12/01/11. This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely 14/12/10, for 28 consecutive days. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000.

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Oakfield children impress VIP visitor with festive efforts!



Jane Hutt AM with Deputy Head Jo Barnfield and pupils in year-6 with laptops.

PUPILS at Oakfield Primary School were hard at work making Christmas cards for family and friends when the Vale AM Jane Hutt popped in to admire their efforts.

"There was a real Christmas spirit

at Oakfield School with pupils enjoying their work. They were particularly proud of their Christmas cards.

"It was good to see the children working at their laptops and to see the computer equipment provided by Bryn Hafren School, which will help them in developing their IT skills," she remarked.

Mixed response for Ogmore-by-Sea housing schemes

ONE of the two applications to develop new houses in Ogmore-by-Sea has been approved by Vale planners.

They voted to approve an application from Wig Fach properties to build 83 new houses, convert an old property into two homes and create a pub in Slon Farm.

The development will take place on the site of a disused residential caravan park.

However, the approval is subject to a number of conditions, including the need for the developer to sign a section 106 agreement with the council. It would use the existing Hazelwood access

which would have to be improved.

A second application, this time from Bridgend County Borough Council, to build 84 houses on the site of the former Ogmore residential education centre, which the council owns, has been deferred.

Planning officer Rob Thomas said that while members voted against approval of the application, which was being recommended by officers, the matter was deferred to enable members to further consider the application and to come up with suggestions about why it should be refused.

A further report will now come back at a subsequent meeting, probably in February.

He said that as things now stand, that application remains undetermined.

There was huge opposition to both schemes in the village. The BCBC proposal would use Somers View as its access which led to caused protests from residents.

Objectors pointed out that the village would increase in size by 40 per cent if both schemes are approved – with the number of houses rising from the present 400 to 569.

They argue that Ogmore does not have the facilities to cope with such a big increase in population.

Carers qualify for NVQs after college courses



NVQ Care learners celebrate qualifying with Barry College principal, Kay Martin.

CARE workers in the Vale and Cardiff have received health and social care qualifications after completing NVQ courses at Barry College.

Speaking at the ceremony, college principal Kay Martin, said: "Care is one of the largest employers in Cardiff and the Vale.

"This is one of the most important areas of work we do at the college – helping people who are at work to upskill to move on and progress."

Double Dragon beer winners

THE three lucky winners of the Felinfoel Brewery competition were:

First, Steve Thorne, Cwm Talwg, Barry received 24 cans of Double Dragon.

The runners-up were Maureen Burnside, Bryntrion, Bridgend, and Sue Speed, Colwinston, received 12 cans of Double Dragon each.

We welcome your news and views - email: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

'Let it Snow' event at Central Park proves to be a harbinger of the whiteout to come!

ON Saturday, December 11 Central Park played host to the 'Let it Snow' event with the area behind the library becoming a festive arena for snowmen, ice sculptures and even an igloo.

Even Santa turned up to join in the fun which turned out to be more than a bit prophetic!

PHOTOGRAPHS by PAUL JONES

For more pictures, go to:
www.valeevents.co.uk/barryletitsnow



Penarth tennis juniors enjoy festive competition



Young aces – the over-13s.



ABOVE: Winners of the under-13 section.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (ROCK ROAD (PART), ST ATHAN) TRAFFIC CALMING ORDER 2010

1. Notice is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 90A and C of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended), the provisions contained within The Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 and all other enabling powers, proposes to construct traffic calming measures as detailed in the Schedule to this Notice.

2. Full details of the proposals, to include a copy the drawing (T/10/104/MS) may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objection you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Head of Visible Services (Ref: IF625) in writing by the 17th January 2010 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed traffic calming are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposal open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

The construction of traffic calming as specified below:

A 70mm high speed cushion, approximate dimensions:

1.90metres long x 1.75metres wide.

Rock Road, Saint Athan – the centre being approximately 85 metres south of its junction with Rectory Drive.

A 100mm high flat top plateau, approximate dimensions:

15.0metres long x 5.40metres wide.

Rock Road, Saint Athan – the centre being approximately 116 metres south of its junction with Rectory Drive.

Dated this 23rd day of December 2010

Mr. M.E. Punter

Head of Visible Services

Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Quarry Road, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.

CAMAU GOSTEGU TRAFFIG GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2010 AR GYFER (RHAN O) ROCK ROAD, SAIN TATHAN)

2. Hysbysir trwy hyn y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adranau 90A a 90C Deddf Prifffordd 1980 (ddwygiedig), darpariaethau Rheoliadau'r Briffordd 1999 (Twmpathau Ffordd) a phob p_er galluogi arall, yn darparu ar gyfer gostegu traffig yn y dull ac yn y manau a nodwyd yn yr Hysbysiad hwn.

3. Cewch weld y cynigion llawn gan gynnwys copi o lun T/10/104/MS yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Dylech gyfeirio unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych i'r cynnig i Bennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy (Cyt. IF625) ar ffurf llythyr erbyn 17 Ionawr 2010 gan egluro'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu.

4. Os oes gennych wrthwynebiad i'r camau gostegu traffig a gynigiwyd, cofiwrch fod gan y cyhoedd hawl o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawl i Wybodaeth) 1985 i weld unrhyw sylwadau sy'n cael eu gwneud a bod dyletswydd gyfreithiol ar y cynnig i ddarparu ar gyfer hynny.

ATODLEN

Mae'r ddarpariaeth ar gyfer gostegu'r traffig fel y canlyn:

Clustog arafu 70mm o uchder sydd ryw:

1.90 medr o hyd x 1.75 o led.

Rock Road, Sain Tathan – bydd y canol tua 85 medr i'r de o'r gyffordd â Rectory Drive.

Llwyfan pen gwastad 100mm o uchder sydd ryw:

15.0 medr o hyd x 5.40 medr o led.

Rock Road, Sain Tathan – bydd y canol tua 116 medr i'r de o'r gyffordd â Rectory Drive.

Dyddiedig 23 Rhagfyr 2010

Mr. M.E. Punter

Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy

Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Canolfan yr Alpau, Heol y Chwarel, Gwenvô, CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (GILESTON ROAD (PART), SAINT ATHAN) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME) ORDER 2010

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than twenty one days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is described in the Schedule below.

Full details of the proposals, to include the proposed Order and plan no T/10/102/MS may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Head of Visible Services (Ref. IF624) in writing by 17th January 2011 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

Prohibition of waiting at any time.

Gileston Road (part), Saint Athan

On its eastern side, from its junction with Rock Road and contiguous with the existing prohibition of waiting at any time Order, south-eastwards for a distance of approximately 50metres.

On its western side, from its junction with The Willows, south-eastwards for a distance of approximately 36metres.

Dated this 23rd day of December 2010

Mr. M.E. Punter

Head of Visible Services

Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Quarry Road, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN BRO MORGANNWG 2010 AR GYFER GWAHARDD AROS AR UNRHYW ADEG YN RHAN O GILESTON ROAD, SAIN TATHAN

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan adranau 1 a 2 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddwygiedig), a phob p_er galluogi arall, yn bwriadu gwneud Gorchymyn ymhen o leiaf un diwrnod ar hugain ar ôl dyddiad y Gorchymyn hwn i'r dibenion cyffredinol a nodwyd yn yr Atodlen isod:

Cewch weld y cynigion llawn, gan gynnwys y Gorchymyn arfaethedig a chynllun T/10/102/MS yng Nghyngor Bro Morgannwg, yn y cyfeiriad isod, yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa. Dylech gyfeirio unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych i'r cynnig i Bennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy (Cyt. IF624) ar ffurf llythyr erbyn 17 Ionawr 2011, gan egluro'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu.

Os oes gennych wrthwynebiad i'r Gorchymyn, cofiwrch fod gan y cyhoedd hawl o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawl i Wybodaeth) 1985 i weld unrhyw sylwadau sy'n cael eu gwneud, a bod dyletswydd gyfreithiol ar y cynnig i ddarparu ar gyfer hynny.

ATODLEN

Gwahardd aros ar unrhyw adeg.

Rhan o Gileston Road, Sain Tathan

Ar ei hochr ddwyreiniol, o'r gyffordd â Rock Road ac yn gydnaws â'r gorchymyn presennol ar gyfer gwahardd aros, am ryw 50 medr i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain.

Ar ei hochr orllewinol, o'r gyffordd â The Willows, am ryw 36 medr i gyfeiriad y de ddwyrain.

Dyddiedig 23 Rhagfyr 2010

M.E. Punter

Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy

Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Canolfan yr Alpau, Heol y Chwarel, Gwenvô CF5 6AA.



ABOVE: Winners of mini best dressed rackets.

SIXTY of Penarth Windsor's young tennis aces enjoyed a festive day of fun in their annual 'Tinsel Tournament'.

The youngsters, split into three age groups, took part in a day of competitive tennis combined with seasonal fun, stepping onto court as santas, angels and snowmen – and even a Mother Christmas and a wrapped parcel.

Honours among the talented older junior group were taken by Elliot Richards, Frankie Hartland, Rhys Fford, Annabel Richards and Tom Bellingham, who all played with good spirits in a competitive tournament.

The under-13s took part in an American tournament, won by Grace Samuel and Jacob Troth. Best dressed rackets belonged to Jordan Fitt's holly-clad entry, and Becky Davies, who decorated her racket with a halo.

The under-10 minis all played well and all took prizes. Best dressed rackets in this age group went to Lily Ireland and Cerys Alexander.

The junior co-ordi-

nator of Penarth Windsor, Caren Richards, explained that the club, based near Evenlode Primary School and boasting eight courts, had a strong family ethos at its heart.

She said: "We have a structured and thoughtful development programme for our youngsters right through from when they first pick up a racket.

"We are an inclusive club with many families with youngsters who want to learn the game and make friends at the same time. We also have a first class professional coach in Melissa Griffiths, who is an expert at working with younger players."

Windsor has 123 junior and mini players out of a membership of 349.

The club has 10 junior teams that will take part in the inter-club competition this year, and a number of juniors are involved with the adult teams too.

New members are very much welcomed. For more information, contact Mike Dunn on 029 2030 2679 michael.dunn@ntl-world.com

VALEWAYS WALKS

ON Tuesday, December 28 at 10.30am Blue Anchor refresher.

Meet at the Blue Anchor pub car park, Aberthaw. Contact Val on 01446 730707.

On January 1 from 1pm-3.30pm, New Year's Day extended walk from St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys. Contact Dave on 07971 695780.

On January 2 at 2.30pm, 'Bridgend Benedictines' from Ewenny Priory, Ewenny (SS913778). Contact Phil on 07854 526117.

On January 11 at 1.30pm, Friars Point and Nell's Point. Meet at the entrance to car park at Old Harbour side of Barry Island. Contact Barbara on 07765 432676.

NEWS FROM YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG

A busy and rewarding term for school pupils



A warm welcome for a visitor from Germany.

THIS year has been another landmark in the Sea View Lads' long history – now extending back to the middle ages on the Peterson scale.

New members have continued to come into the fold, including the welcome sight of a few more juniors, strengthening the ranks for the future.

Fishing has been good, if sporadic, with many more rays being landed locally along the shore and hounds being landed up as far as Cardiff.

The annual excursions to Weymouth, Tenby and Lanzarote were all successful, strengthening cultural links

across Europe while demonstrating the incredible consumption capacity of many members!

Notable birthdays in the year included our great leader, Alan, hitting the big 60. Few will forget him proudly demonstrating his commitment to joining the 20th century by having his first mobile phone (not sure who will explain that we are now in the 21st).

Thanks must go to Eddie for his shore comp efforts, bus pass for fundraising and general entertainment value and the slaphead twins ICA and Bobo for their never ending double act. Andy Page is this year's Christmas comp winner, after

impressive catches over both legs. He also picks up the Eddie Frost trophy after winning overall on the 19th December comp.

John Frost was narrowly pipped by ounces, missing out on his brother's trophy after having to finish early as a result of a welly full of water!

Kevin Gardner won the first leg, along with the Wyndham Page trophy, but was unable to weigh in this time around, leaving the coast clear for Andy to clean up!

While the first leg was fished in incredibly cold conditions of minus 8 degrees C, with bait freezing on the hook and ice on the line, the second

leg was relatively hot, temperatures reaching freezing briefly before dropping back to a numbing cold. Many thanks to the Peterson clan for the catering and the usual suspects for putting the club first to make sure everyone had a great apres fishing session.

Over the two matches, codling showed in small numbers, along with some dogs, while whiting as usual these days were scarce – but we had around 40 anglers brave the conditions in both legs.

Season's greetings to all and budding anglers who want to join our merry band are welcome to submit an application to join us in 2011. JC



ABOVE: The school's concert at the Memo featured all types of music.



ABOVE: Chloe Chick and Saffia Hurley.

IT has been an extremely busy time of late at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg.

Pupils have excelled at sport, have won acclaim for work within the community, raised tremendous amounts of money for charity, and welcomed guests from abroad.

The school has also showcased the talents of current and former pupils at a concert in Barry Memorial Hall to celebrate the school's 10th anniversary.

Some of the highlights of the past few weeks have included:

● Plant Mewn Angen – Pupils raised a staggering £2,800 for Children in Need. All activities were arranged by the year-12 pupils who are members of the school's charity committee.

● Herr Bodo Hofmann-Thomshewski described his visit to the school as a participant in the UK-German connection 'Host a teacher' programme as an "extraordinary, interesting experience".

He was deeply impressed by the high standard of technological equipment at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg but what he enjoyed most was the time spent in various German classes, where he found the pupils very friendly and polite.

● Since September, Aled Williams from Urdd Gobaith Cymru has been working with pupils from years 7 to 13, offering sporting opportunities out of school hours.

Recently, Chloe Chick and Saffia Hurley took part in a Sports Leadership Awards presentation in Cardiff with the aim of bidding for finance to set up a street dancing club in the Vale for Welsh speakers from primary and secondary schools.

● Year-6 enjoyed their first visit of the year to Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and took part in a transition day organised by the modern foreign languages department.

● It was an honour to be present at the school's 10th anniversary concert. Celebrating the pupils' talents and reminiscing about the past 10 years was a memorable experience with staff, past head prefects, former students who are now eminent performers, and current pupils captivating the audience.

These ranged from an awesome gymnastics display, to classical solos, from powerful dramatic presentations to choral performance worthy of any national stage.

It proved to be a truly memorable afternoon for the school. MT

Roadworks report

Pontypridd Street – junction with Mount Pleasant, Barry – footway restriction in place. Colcot Road, between Winston Road and Whitewell Road, Barry – temporary traffic control.

B4265 St Athan to Barry – temporary traffic control. Cowbridge Comprehensive School – temporary traffic control.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990 CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG DEDDF CYNLLUNIO (ADEILADAU RHESTREDIG AC ARDALOEDD CADWRAETH) 1990

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:
HYSBYSIR trwy hyn i geisiadau gael eu gwneud i'r Cyngor am ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer y datblygiadau canlynol:

Development in Conservation Areas Datblygiad mewn Ardaloedd Cadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2010/01253/FUL Proposed new first floor level to existing bungalow Glan yr Eglwys, Flemingston Flemingston
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2010/01286/FUL Construction of a single storey annex. Extension and improvements to the front of Pleasant Cottage Pleasant Cottage, Turkey Street, Llantwit Major Llantwit Major
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2010/01298/FUL Alterations and extensions to pavilion to include new second floor observatory extension and new roofs, with access improvements included along with other associated works. These alterations are in association with change of use of the pavilion to mixed use, to include restaurant, shop, conference suite and auditorium/cinema. Penarth Pier Pavilion, Penarth Penarth
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2010/01340/FUL New 3 bedroomed house in part of existing curtilage of Old School House Old School House, Cardiff Road, Cowbridge Cowbridge
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2010/01342/FUL Installation of a new external DDA compliant ramp into existing Banking Hall 61, High Street, Cowbridge Cowbridge
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad: Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	2010/01242/LBC Alterations and new second floor observatory extension to pavilion to include new roofs, new internal layout, building access improvements with new side entrances, lowering of ground floor, new first floor gallery and new lifts. Penarth Pier Pavilion, Penarth Grade II
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad: Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	2010/01343/LBC Installation of a new external DDA compliant ramp into existing Banking Hall 61, High Street, Cowbridge Grade II

Development that might affect the setting of a Conservation Area Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2010/01334/FUL Alterations and first floor extension to existing dwelling Cross Farm Bungalow, Llysworney Affecting the Llysworney Conservation Area
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Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad: Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	2010/01240/LBC Demolition of covered yard. Reduction in height of 1.2m of concrete block-work 73, Eastgate, Cowbridge Affecting 73 Eastgate Grade II
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995 GORCHYMYN CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF (TREFN DATBLYGIAD CYFFREDINOL) 1995

Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad:	2010/01277/FUL Extension to existing food and green waste in-vessel composting plant Existing agricultural building situated 300m to the west of Llwynhelig Farm, Cowbridge
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad:	2010/01287/RG3 Construction of a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) - Amendment to Planning Consent 2008/00492/RG3 Plot 6, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad:	2010/01326/FUL Change of Use to Use Class A1 39, Park Crescent, Barry
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad:	2010/01336/FUL New care services facility, car parking and associated works Ty Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully

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Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynning: Location/Lleoliad:	2010/01327/FUL Ground and first floor extension to an existing dwelling Llyswen, Windmill Lane, Llanblethian
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Departure from the Provision of the Development Plan Ceisiadau nad ydynt yn cydymffurfio â Darpariaeth y Cynllun Datblygu

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COTTRELL PARK LADIES' NEWS

The lucky prizewinners for 2010 are announced at the Christmas lunch



Sara Williams.

THE ladies of Cottrell Park were unable to play any golf on Thursday, December 9 as the course was closed due to adverse weather conditions following a heavy fall of snow.

This did not, however, prevent them enjoying their Christmas lunch at the club which was attended by 60 ladies. The prize giving followed lunch.

The prize winners were: Cup of Achievement shared by Tina Morgan and Bridget Roberts; Birdie Tree and Summer eclectic Button, Sandra Collin; GUV Medal, Lorraine Poinon-Bell; Summer League, Julia Evans; Macmillan Spoon, Lorna Monks; Dragon Brooch, Tina Morgan; LGU Breakthrough Cancer brooch, Jayne James; Golf Foundation Brooch and the Llanfair trophy, Sara Williams; Grandmothers' Trophy, Brenda Margetts; Pencarreg Cup, Carol Evans; Summer eclectic Mackintosh, Patricia Davies.

There were also prizes for the 15 stableford and the 15 medal winners.

The ladies' captain, Lorraine Poinon-Bell thanked everyone for their support throughout

the year and congratulated the prize winners.

On December 13, Jenny Knott, one of the lady members, gave a demonstration to 16 ladies on how to make petits fours.

She made it look easy, but when the ladies tried to follow her example there was great jollity with various shapes and sizes being produced and a lot of chocolate being spread about, some were more successful than others.]

However, after an industrious afternoon, all had enjoyed themselves and achieved a box of petits fours to take home.

Lorraine thanked Jenny for giving her time and the excellent demonstration, the money raised will go to her charity 'Friends of Velindre'.

The 12 hole Champagne Trot was played on December 16. Those who ventured out in the wet and cold weather were rewarded with mulled wine and mince pies served by Father Christmas in the halfway house.

The champagne was won by Margaret Thomas with 23 points and Chris John second with 22 points. CB



Jenny Knott demonstrating making petits fours.



Bridget Roberts.



Sandra Collin.



ABOVE: Patricia Davies.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr Carey Jones – Brooklands Hall, Brook Lane, St Nicholas – Retention of barn as leisure and amenity building ancillary to main house. Berkley Leisure Group – Ham Manor Residential Park, Llantwit Major – Various trees - remove overhanging limbs; cypresses; dead trees. Thinning in dense wood over stream. Pruning/re-balance yews x 2 and remove immature sycamore next to yew. Mrs Debra Frost – 27 Sully Terrace, Penarth – Amendment to approved application (2010/00244/FUL) to retain increased height of garage.

Mr and Mrs Sexton – Rock House, Chapel Terrace, Twyn Yr Ody – Two storey extension to east elevation.

Mrs Sheila A B Paine – 7 Fitzhamon Avenue, Llantwit Major – Single storey timber frame workshop to the rear. Mr Christopher Howarth – 20 Evenlode Avenue, Penarth – Amendment to approved application (2010/00072/FUL) including amendments to extension and increasing size of pool enclosure.

Mr K Shapley – Plot rear of Cosmeston Cottages, Lavernock Road, Penarth – Erection of detached house complete with drive, turning spaces and parking area.

Mr Martin Hawkins – Land adjoining 2 Eurgan Close, Llantwit Major – Change of use to residential land adjacent to 2 Eurgan Close, including the provision of a double garage.

Mr Wayne Roderick – 58 Millfield Drive, Cowbridge – Single storey rear garden timber shed. Mr and Mrs Andrew Phillips – 9 Love Lane, Llanblethian – Two storey side extension to provide new kitchen/breakfast facilities and master bedroom, ensuite at first floor. Cowbridge Compost Limited – Existing agri-

cultural building situated 300m to the west of Llwynhelig Farm, Cowbridge – Extension to existing food and green waste in-vessel composting plant. Mr Ian Hutchenson – 123 Plymouth Road, Penarth – Rear two story extension. Mr and Mrs Jonathan Humphreys – Rhos Dawel, Treherhygill – First floor side extension and first floor dormer extension.

Mr John Lomax – 14 Sycamore Close, Dinas Powys – Construct one dwelling house in lower garden.

Mr Tom Margrain – 45 Stanwell Road, Penarth – Proposed pitched roof to bay window on front elevation replacing defective parapet wall. Existing vehicular access to be widened.

Mr Hamzelou – Homestower, Wellwood Drive, Dinas Powys – Erection of side gable and front dormer. Mr L B Evans – 44 South Road, Sully – Remove 2 pines in corner of plot.

Mrs June Rosier – Seven Oaks Fish Farm, Talygar – Extend existing dwelling. Mr G J Robbins – Marlborough Grange Farm, Crossways, Cowbridge – Proposed demolition of old barn, removal of residential caravan and replacement with prefabricated log cabin to provide residential (retirement) accommodation for Mr and Mrs G J Robbins.

Mr David Jones – Pleasant Cottage, Turkey Street, Llantwit Major – Construction of a single storey annexe. Extension and improvements to the front of Pleasant Cottage. Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration, Vale of Glamorgan Council – Plot 6, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry – Construction of a house-hold waste recycling centre (HWRC) – amendment to planning consent 2008/00492/RG3.

Mr Damian Stokes – Quainton, 4 Meadow Lane, Penarth – Erection of single storey extension, first floor extension, new garage and demolition of existing outbuildings. Mr Peter Rogers – Bolton House, Bonvilston – Felling of Lawson cypress on boundaries. Mr Walters – Rivermouth House, 6 Main Road, Ogmere by Sea – Two storey extension. Mr Hywel Jones – 38 Plymouth Road, Penarth – Construction of artists studio and new conservatory and new timber sash windows. Openreach, Mr Deryk Green – Adjacent to Alexandra Court, The Esplanade, Penarth – New fibre optic modular cabinet. Dr Ben Mathew – 17 Cog Road, Sully – Single storey rear extension.

Mr Mike Bevan – 2 Daniel Hopkin Close, Llantwit Major – Single storey extension. Mr Carey Jones – Brooklands, Brook Lane, St Nicholas – Mixed use of buildings (B to G) within building group; buildings B to E for domestic storage, parking of cars, and B1 use; buildings F and G for keeping livestock for recreational purposes, and for storing equipment and materials used by the applicant to maintain buildings and land he owns at Brooklands Hall.

Mr Michael Wishart – Holland's Cottage, Higher End, St Athan – Single storey rear extension and associated external works. Mr Jeremy Barkway – Triloba Nursery, Peterston Super Ely – Porch extension and internal works. Maggie Knight – Penarth Pier Pavilion, Penarth – Alterations and extensions to pavilion to include new second floor observatory extension and new roofs, with access improvements included along with other associated works. These alterati-

nons are in association with change of use of the pavilion to mixed use, to include restaurant, shop, conference suite and auditorium/cinema.

Mr Stephen Thompson – 52 Clos Ogney, Llantwit Major – Double storey extension to both sides of existing dwelling, alter roof line, with store space and a photographic dark room within roof space, form new front entrance with canopy over.

Mr and Mrs Nigel Sullivan – Wharnclyff, Swanbridge Road, Sully – Alterations with an extension into the roof space to create a 3 bedroom dormer bungalow.

The Occupier – The Rectory, Peterston Super Ely – Removal of conifer screen and the pruning of trees away from overhead telephone cables, also the removal of deadwood from a poplar tree in the rear garden.

Mr and Mrs A Michael – 2 and 4 Stanwell Road, Penarth – Crown lifts to horse chestnut, lime and yew (at No 2).

Reductions to cypresses and bay at rear. Mrs H D Hurst – 40 Fairfield Road, Penarth – Rear single storey extension (works of adaptation for disabled person).

Mr Howard Gibbon – Stone Cottage, Graig Penllyn – Two storey extension to provide living room and bedroom. Ms Gail Armitage – Tyntwyd Cottage, Ystradowen – Single store extension to rear. Mr Alan Charles – 365 Barry Road, Barry – Retention of attic conversion as constructed. Mr Derek Osborn – 10 The Limes, Cowbridge – Demolition of UPVC conservatory, construction of single storey rear extension to form sitting/music room, kitchen/dining room and associated terraces/landscaping.

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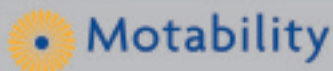


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08 57	MEGANE 1.6 Extreme, metallic bright blue, 27k miles, fsh, alloys, a/c	£4,495
07 07	MEGANE 1.6 Dynamique, 3-dr, black, alloys, a/c, pan roof, 27k miles, fsh	£4,495
08 08	RENAULT Twingo 1.2 Dynamique, alloys, red 32k miles, a/c	£3,995
07 57	FOCUS 1.6 Style Auto, only 7k miles, alloys, a/c	£5,495
07 57	FOCUS 1.6 Style 5-dr silver, 37k miles, alloys, a/c, fsh	£4,995
07 57	FOCUS 1.6 Style 5-dr Black 38k miles alloys, a/c	£5,295
07 57	FOCUS 1.6 Style, 34k miles, alloys, a/c	£5,295
07 57	FOCUS 1.6 Style automatic silver. 38k miles, alloys, a/c, fsh	£4,995
07 07	FIESTA 1.4 Zetec 3-dr Silver 32k miles a/c, Alloys fsh	£4,995
09 58	PEUGEOT 207 1.4 HDi Diesel, 3-dr, 16k miles a/c, fsh, £30 tax	£6,995
07 57	GRANDE Punto 1.2 Dynamic 5-dr, allys, a/c, fsh	£4,495
07 07	CITROEN C4 Auto, alloys, a/c, fsh, silver	£4,495
07 07	HYUNDAI Coupe S3 Grey, alloys, red leather, a/c, 32k miles fsh	£7,495

CARS AT BRIDGEND

08 08	ASTRA SRI 1.9 CDTi 150 bhp, diesel, black, 27k miles, fsh, 3-dr Sport Hatch	£7,995
07 57	ASTRA Sport Hatch 1.6 Design 3-dr only 5k miles, alloys, half leather, a/c, black	£6,995
07 57	ASTRA 1.6 Life 5-dr. 19k miles, a/c, fsh, blue metallic	£4,995
07 57	ASTRA 1.8 Life Auto 5-dr, 17k miles, a/c, fsh, black metallic	£4,695
07 57	VECTRA 1.8 SRI 5-dr silver, alloys, a/c, fsh, 47k miles	£4,995
07 57	ZAFIRA 1.6 Club, black, 7 seats, 21k miles, alloys, a/c, fsh	£5,995
07 57	ZAFIRA 1.6 Life, black, 7 seats, 24k miles a/c, fsh	£5,495
07 57	ZAFIRA 1.6 Club, 7 seats, 40k miles, silver, alloys, a/c	£5,295
07 57	ZAFIRA 1.6 Life, silver, 7 seats, 42k miles a/c, fsh	£4,995
07 57	ZAFIRA 1.6 Life, silver, 7 seats, 61k miles, a/c, fsh	£4,495
07 57	SCENIC 1.9 diesel Dynamique Silver alloys, a/c 22k miles	£5,995
07 57	SCENIC 1.6 Dynamique, gold, 12k miles, alloys, a/c, fsh	£5,295
07 57	GRANDE Scenic 1.6 Dynamique, gold, alloys, a/c, fsh, 32k miles	£5,995
05 05	GRANDE Scenic 1.6 Dynamique, 7 seats, 21k miles, alloys, a/c	£4,495
07 57	MEGANE 1.6 Dynamique Auto, 28k miles, alloys, a/c	£4,695
08 57	MEGANE 1.6 Extreme, metallic bright blue, 27k miles, fsh, alloys, a/c	£4,495
07 07	MEGANE 1.6 Dynamique, 3-dr, black, alloys, a/c, pan roof, 27k miles, fsh	£4,495
08 08	RENAULT Twingo 1.2 Dynamique, alloys, red 32k miles, a/c	£3,995
07 57	FOCUS 1.6 Style Auto, only 7k miles, alloys, a/c	£5,495
07 57	FOCUS 1.6 Style 5-dr silver, 37k miles, alloys, a/c, fsh	£4,995
07 57	FOCUS 1.6 Style 5-dr Black 38k miles alloys, a/c	£5,295
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07 57	FOCUS 1.6 Style automatic silver. 38k miles, alloys, a/c, fsh	£4,995
07 07	FIESTA 1.4 Zetec 3-dr Silver 32k miles a/c, Alloys fsh	£4,995
09 58	PEUGEOT 207 1.4 HDi Diesel, 3-dr, 16k miles a/c, fsh, £30 tax	£6,995
07 57	GRANDE Punto 1.2 Dynamic 5-dr, allys, a/c, fsh	£4,495
07 07	CITROEN C4 Auto, alloys, a/c, fsh, silver	£4,495
07 07	HYUNDAI Coupe S3 Grey, alloys, red leather, a/c, 32k miles fsh	£7,495

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07 57	ASTRA 1.6 Life 5-dr. 19k miles, a/c, fsh, blue metallic	£4,995
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07 57	ZAFIRA 1.6 Life, black, 7 seats, 24k miles a/c, fsh	£5,495
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07 57	ZAFIRA 1.6 Life, silver, 7 seats, 42k miles a/c, fsh	£4,995
07 57	ZAFIRA 1.6 Life, silver, 7 seats, 61k miles, a/c, fsh	£4,495
07 57	SCENIC 1.9 diesel Dynamique Silver alloys, a/c 22k miles	£5,995
07 57	SCENIC 1.6 Dynamique, gold, 12k miles, alloys, a/c, fsh	£5,295
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09 58	PEUGEOT 207 1.4 HDi Diesel, 3-dr, 16k miles a/c, fsh, £30 tax	£6,995
07 57	GRANDE Punto 1.2 Dynamic 5-dr, allys, a/c, fsh	£4,495
07 07	CITROEN C4 Auto, alloys, a/c, fsh, silver	£4,495
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GEM sport

Awards evening at Rhoose Lifeguard Club recognises achievements of the past year

AT the annual meeting of Rhoose Lifeguards the club thanked the Fontygary Holiday Complex for supporting them in the provision of their facilities.

The meeting was chaired by Coun Jeff James, vice-president, who thanked members for their contributions to the community of Rhoose and surrounding areas; in particular, the patrolling of the Lifeguard huts at Fontygary Bay beach and Barry Island and involvement in the Remembrance Parade.

Following the officers' reports, Dave Cooper (club captain) and Steph Evans (treasurer) resigned from their posts. The club would like to thank them both for their contribution over many years.

Officers and committee members were re-elected and members received a number of awards. These included: Best first year junior – Lauren Williamson; Most improved paddler – Emma Braggins; Junior of the year – Teg Young; Toudie Cup – Chad Bremner; Kevin Rowlands Trophy – Lana Evans; Most improved nipper female – Kelsey Peterson; Most improved nipper male – Alex Parry; Jake Bremner Award – Alfie Davies; The Cooper Cup – Steve Edgerton.

Certificates were handed to Nippers who had attended Nipper Camp earlier in the year. A number of members received Ski and Surf Competence Awards; and newly-qualified members received National Rescue Standard (NaRS) Awards.

The club has had a fantastic year in competition. As a result, Rhoose Lifeguards now hold both Wilkinson Sword Trophies for Stillwater and Ocean events.

A tremendous amount of hard work has been put into training by both coaches and members.

The club has gained quite a few new members over the last 12 months and thanks to the dedication of the existing coaches and the newly-qualified coaches, Rhoose Lifeguards can maintain its high standard of training and safety.

Rhoose Lifeguards are extremely grateful to the people of the Vale of Glamorgan who have supported fundraising events and for the sponsorship of various organisations.

All have helped in the purchase of safety and training equipment to enable the members to be trained to help keep our beaches safe.

A carol concert will take place at the Stewart Road Community Centre, Rhoose on Friday, December 17, in aid of the NSPCC. The evening will include performances by local youth organisations.

Everyone is welcome at 6.30pm. Admission is free.



ABOVE: The junior competence awards.



ABOVE: Junior lifesaver awards.



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Alfie Davies.



Emma Braggins.



Lana Evans.



Teg Young.



Lauren Williamson.



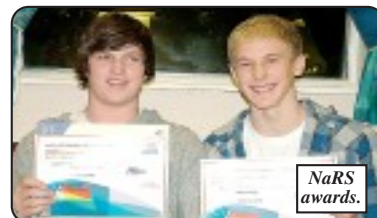
Chad Bremner.



ABOVE: The Nipper competence awards.



ABOVE: The masters awards.



NaRS awards.

'The Miracle Worker' gets Jack's Lad home first

JACK'S LAD, an 11-year-old chestnut gelding whose only previous success had been at Hereford back in 2004, and who was running for the first time for Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, returned to the win-

ON AND OFF THE TURF with BRIAN LEE

ners' enclosure at Folkestone last week when beating Watergate by three-and-a-half lengths.

Jack's Lad, who was running for the first time

in more than 500 days, was ridden by Richard Johnson who was also successful on Triggerman and Only Vintage.

Vaughan is something of an expert when it comes to scoring with jaded horses and other trainers' rejects and has been dubbed 'The Miracle Worker.'

CALLING CLUB OFFICIALS

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Christian is on the mend

NATIONAL Hunt jockey Christian Williams from Ogmore, who broke both his arms when being brought down on Beshabar in a novice chase at Cheltenham in November, is making a slow recovery.

Christian, whose younger brother Nick is assistant trainer to Llancarfan trainer Evan Williams, said: "It will probably be two or three months before I could get on a horse again, but my specialist said I won't be doing that if the left arm isn't better. "I had five operations in the space of six or seven days, but my bone specialist has been pleased with the X-rays and everyone says they have done a great job with the plates in my arms. "At the time it was a bit of a mess, but if you saw me now with long sleeves on, because I am not wearing a cast, you'd wonder what's wrong with me. I've been doing a fair bit of walking but I've got to be patient." Christian is no stranger to injuries and sadly has had more than his fair share. A graduate of the Llangeinor Hunt Pony Club, Christian made a name for himself in point-to-points and was dubbed 'The Boy Wonder'.

BRIAN LEE